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# Europe raises the stakes

Major accused of hostage-taking as new demands infuriate sceptics

Stephen Bates in Brussels and Patrick Wintow

HE confrontation etween John Major and the European Comlast night when plans to cut the British fishing fleet by 40 per cent were announced, while the commission president, Jacques Santer, denounced the UK's policy of non-co-operation as

"deplorable hostage-taking". In a diplomatically ill-timed move, the commission also demanded that the Ministry of Agriculture hand over to Brussels, by today, details of companies said to be market-ing dangerous baby milk. Ministers have refused to divulge details of their research on grounds of commercial confidentiality.

Deet by 40 per cent over the next six years, part of a Europe-wide move to pre-serve fish stocks, provoked the most furious Tory reaction and may endanger the Government's majority next Wednesday, when the Com-mons is due to vote on fishing vessel decommissioning.
The EU fishing commissioner, Emma Bonino, denied

her announcement was de-signed to provoke the British, saying urgent steps were nec-essary if negotiations were to be completed by the end of the year to preserve stocks. She said her proposal would be examined by the Fisheries Council on June 10, and denied she was singling out the However John Redwood

the leading Eurosceptic, de-scribed her announcement as "a hammer blow to an al-The plans to cut the British ing industry", adding that if



demands Santer, once seen as John Ma-jor's ally, offered his fiercest

rebuke over Britain's refusal to pass directives in protest at

the EU ban on beef exports. He said: "The Commission de-

plores the effect that, in coun-cil, dosslers which are not at all linked to BSE have been

Britain does not get justice in negotiations, it must unilaterally "reimpose our own 200-mile fishing limit". John Ashworth, spokesman for Save Britain's Fish, claimed the British cut was nothing to do with saving stocks, but to make room for new European



Mr Santer's statement, couched in deliberately harsh language and agreed unani-mously by all 20 Commission-ers including Britain's repre-sentatives Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock, appeared to open the possibility of legal

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that Commission's have been taken hostage. This attitude is not appropriate in a community based on the rule of law ...and will

tinues to block EU decisions. The words — said to have been intensified in the transings in Brussels and blocked number of minor decisions.
Although commission officials denied Mr Santer was lation from French - warned that the action jeopardised the functioning of European threatening legal action against the Government, the virulent language was seen as an unprecedented criticism of a member state. institutions and threatened to block progress on integration. It came a day after British

It was being said that the

the commission is likely to be helping Britain by getting the ban on beef derivatives lifted was designed to demon-strate its concern over the crisis but not to raise tensions. However, it came together with an announcement of an additional £100 million aid across Europe, which placed Britain third in line for compensation behind France and Germany, neither of which have had serious BSE

The reasoning given was that the calculations were based on the size of each nation's berds rather than the extent of the collapse of the industry, but it immediately provoked anger

Westminster. Commission officials justi-fled their call for immediate tests on the need for rapid in-formation about health risks

# **ff** I was about to ask him what he wanted. I saw the gun and he started shooting

Erlend Clouston hears two harrowing accounts of events in Dunblane primary school as massacre inquiry opens

HERE was a period of time when every-thing seemed to be very quiet. It seemed to last a long time." Although nobody at the inquiry except Eileen Harrild, the part-time PE teacher, had heard the shots in the gym at Dunblane Primary, they reverberated then in their heads.

Mary Blake, the supervi-sory assistant whose state-ment transfixed the opening day of Lord Cullen's investigation into the Dunblane mas-sacre, had had a similar, hal-lucinatory experience, during the nightmare of March 13. Describing the moment

when "the dark figure" was framed in the doorway of the gym, initially pumping a total of 105 bullets into primary one, she said: "The screaming seemed to be inside my head." She made the point twice in a statement that was read out

on her behalf.
The first day of the inquiry into Britain's worst murder case had its sinister highlights: the reported discovery of 63 pairs of boys' swimming trunks in Thomas Hamilton's home; the revelation that he the school before heading in with four guns and a total of

But the testimony of the two staff members brought the inquiry to the heart of the tragedy. One minute Mrs Har-rild was laying out ropes and beams for the children; the next she was stumbling into the gym store, bullets in her chest and arms. One moment Mrs Blake was looking after her pupils; the next she was lying in a pool of her blood, trying to hide terrified young-

sters under a gym mat. Mrs Harrild, aged 43, testi-fied first. She told the inquiry she had dropped her own two children at the school then walked to the gym to arrange the equipment for Gwen May-or's class. They had arrived shortly after 9.30am. Mrs Mayor had said that she hoped to be relieved "in a couple of minutes" by the assistant head teacher. Instead,

the shape that came through the door was altogether "He had a woolly hat or and a gun in his left hand, extended," said Mrs Harrild. "He immediately began to shoot at us. I was within a few feet of him. I was about to ask him what he wanted. I looked

and saw the gun and he started shooting at us." Unfalteringly, Mrs Harrild described how she stumbled, bleeding, towards the storage alcove set into the side wall



Glieen Harrild, the PE teacher who belped to shelter four children in the gym after she was shot by Thomas Hamilton

of the gym. She did not see what Hamilton was doing be-hind her. "The shooting did not stop. It was continuous and were reside" struggled into the alcove, she told the inquiry, she was

ioined by four wounded children and Mary Blake.
In her statement, the super visory assistant described how, after hearing a noise be-hind her, she turned round and saw "a dark figure" framed in the doorway. "He

Mayor was on the floor. The children were screaming. I am not sure if he had a gun in both hands. I was hit and I realised something terrible was happening. He was pointing the gun all around and shooting. The screaming seemed to be inside my head." Both women told how Ham-liton's fusillade continued. faltered briefly then picked up again at a slower rate as he proceeded up the hall. The women concentrated

started firing. I think Mrs on stopping the children be-Mayor was on the floor. The children were screaming. I that he had six more targets Miraculously, the injured pupils' intuition signalled the gravity of their situation. "The children were amazingly

children were amazingly calm," Mrs Harrild reported. Then, equally miraculous, Hamilton transferred his empty Browning pistol to his left hand, pulled out his Smith and Wesson, put the muzzle in his mouth and fired. The bullet, a ballistics

his head, hit the ceiling and fell to the floor.

Mrs Harrild spoke for 32 minutes; Mrs Blake's statement lasted 10. Mrs Harrild said she had received letters from Hamilton but did not know or recognise him. Mrs Blake had no idea who he was. She may be haunted by the words a little boy kept muttering in their hiding place: "What a bad man."

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mass graves of the bodies of Muslims massacred by Serbs. days after a survey showing UK decline.

would be his last medla interview.

sterios of several decades and gave what he said.



# Peres edges to slim victory

Derok Brown in Jerusalem and Jessica Berry in Tel Aviv

SRAEL'S general election reached a sensational cli-max last night as an exit of 5 per cent. That Mr Peres poll on Israeli television sug- should take power in these gested that prime minister circumstances will enrage the Shimon Peres would defeat far right and the religious facyamin Netanyahu, by the

slenderest of margins. The poll predicted that Mr Peres would win 50.7 per cent of the vote for prime minister, and that Mr Netanyahu would take 49.3 per cent.

The exit poll, though regarded as the most reliable early indicator available, is not an infallible guide to the final vote. Mr Peres may yet

If the poll is confirmed, one potentially ominous conclu-

sion can be drawn: that the Peres victory was achieved only through Israeli Arab

support. The first figures sug-gest Mr Netanyahu won the Jewish vote by a clear margin heavily in the race for the Knesset (parliament).

as the most crucial in the country's 48-year history, has divided Israel as never before. At stake is the future of the Middle East peace process, and Israel's fragile relation-ship with the Palestinians. "I think it is a historic deci-

sion," said Mr Peres as he turn to page 2, column 3

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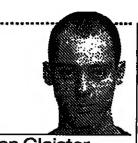
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#### **Poetry sketch**

# at flights of fancy



Dan Glaister

CHAEL Horovitz plucked a rose out of a jar and sang the word Sunflower. It was that kind of

The poet-impresario was presiding over the launch of his latest — and he promises ast — world-changing proje a Poetry Olympics Weekend (POW!) culminating in A Hip Mass Superjam, an all-dayer at the Royal Albert Hall on

July 7.

The invitation promised a gathering of stars designed to convert even the most poetry-sceptic of observers.

Blur's Damon Albarn, unfortunately, couldn't be there. Neither could Ray Davis. Patti Smith was somewhere else but with us in spirit. The only predictable absentee was Pri-vate Eye's mythically reclusive poet, E J Thribb.

But Mark Fisher, one of Labour's heritage team and a Superjam compere, was there 'T think Blur are good, but they're not the Kinks," he said. Yes, yes, Mark. But what about the poetry?

"I'm a big fan of James Fen-ton, but I rather prefer the early Fenton to his Rudyard Kipling phase," he offered. Another vote lost. "It reminds me of my

youth." he sighed. So was the man who might one day step into Virginia Bottomley's shoes there when Mike and Adrian Henri and Roger McGough threatened to levi-tate the Albert Hall? "Actually Cambridge put me off poetry,

Mr Horovitz made apologies for the absence of his friend Mr Hockney. "I didn't want the papers to be full of 'Fax from David Hockney'," he

Instead, wearing green loons — "They're originals, I bought them from a shop in Charing Cross Road in the sixties" — Mr Horovitz read a poem which was entitled Instead Of A Press Release:

First night

Ed Vulliamy

Buddy Guy (with Eric Clapton)

Shepherd's Bush Empire.

RIC CLAPTON once in-

world". Slowhand is a judge of

man to bear closely in mind as

Buddy's London evening got under way, because the night

After four decades playing,

Buddy is among the last of the

great Chicago bluesmeisters. His guitar bites sharp, carving

its way across — often against

sound from that of B.B. King's LA/Deep South blues is a raw

quality, usually devoid of brass. But now Buddy intro-

duced his "Big Band", com-

plete with rhythm section. He came on in a headband,

and care funding this year by from that," he said.

What marks Chicago's

had a sting in its tail.

these things, and was also a

troduced Buddy Guy as
 "the best guitarist in the

Blues played in

the right hue

Let it wing and sing on high - the new muse news of our

But what's it all about, Michael?"In 1965 a group of poets filled the Albert Hall. It was a great moment, it helped the counter culture, the Swinging Society to get

"It's about poetry being par of communication and about the Olympic Games being focused on commercialism. Michael is in high speed

"It seemed worth trying to hand on the baton and show artists and poets can communicate on a grand scale. I've just turned 60 and I wanted to go out with a flourish."

The Poetry Olympics is not an anti-sports gesture, how-ever. "I tried to get Eric Cantona," said Horovitz, who one wrote a poem called the Wolverhampton Wanderer, "but he just wants to get away after

Poet Laureate Ted Hughes had sent a message of support It is so long now since those instrumental poetry frolics passed away, this is probably a good time to start something

John Hegley was much more down to earth, singing a song about an armadillo. This was in fact a ploy to establish his poetic credentials, as he managed deftly to rhyme the word armadillo with pillow and Brillo.

Fay Weldon, another compere for the big day, was there because she often bumped into Mr Horovitz at Paddington station.
"It's a sort of casuality and a

neeting of minds," she said. But what relevance, Fay, does poetry have to the youth of today and the great problems facing the planet as it hurtles towards the Millennium? "Poetry is mostly about

people who aren't afraid to make fools of themselves," big party for the last 30 years. As Michael gathered his carrier bags together to make the trek to a photo opportu-nity in Soho Square, I asked

garden. So would the man once described as "incorrigibly urban" be leaving London? mean my inner garden," he said.

Buddy, "because he's here!"

And he plucked the opening

phrase from Cream's Strange

If the applause was muted,

ciple of the blues shuffled on

stage -- unshaven, bespecta-cled and in jeans -- it was

from amazement rather than

ingratitude. Eric Clapton had

papers; his house burned to cinders, his famous guitar col-

Strange Brew was an adven-

embarked with a dialogue of crisp, potent volleys, answering one another. The number ebbed and flowed through a

range of moods — moments of quiet control building into

melifluous waterfalls of notes

however, and Red House be-

or harsh peals. Buddy introduced his

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ture on which the duo

time? "I want to tend my

## Cross-Channel war hots up for summer as cost of a day trip to France on Le Shuttle falls to £49 a car

# Olympian attempt Eurotunnel slashes fares

Patrick Donovan City Editor

UROTUNNEL yes-terday launched its paign in the cross-channel price war, slashing fares on the Le Shuttle service by up to 60 per cent to bring down the price of a day trip to £49 a car.

The reductions are part of an intensive marketing drive by Eurotunnel to carve out a market share on the Dover-Calais route in the build-up to the peak holiday season. Other special offers were an-nounced last week by Euro-star, the separate high-speed channel tunnel train company. The ferry company P&O im-

Shuttle tariff, which has seen its standard economy return spokeswoman for P&O (Le Shuttle's biggest rival with an estimated 37 per cent share of the market) insisted the price nitiative was "nothing ne She claimed Eurotunnel's Eurotunnel also announced overall market share of

Stena Line and Hoverspeed will come under pressure to improve deals as the cashstrapped Eurotunnel pushes ahead with what it says are, in real terms, "the cheapes ever cross-channel fares" for Stena claimed it is doing so with a £98 high-se

Although Eurotunnel is the

in the three months to April.

because of a debt of more than £8 billion which it is trying to renegotiate with its consortum of 225 bankers. Eurotunnel co-chairman Patrick Ponsolle hinted yesterday that an agreement could be reached before the end of next month.

plans to simplify its fare structure and to woo busin travellers with a special "Club Class" premium service on Le Shuttle trains. Le Shuttle is also introducing a frequent traveller scheme, with toursts earning a point for every pound spent on travel or duty free items. The points can be traded in for free trips and The Eurotunnel move

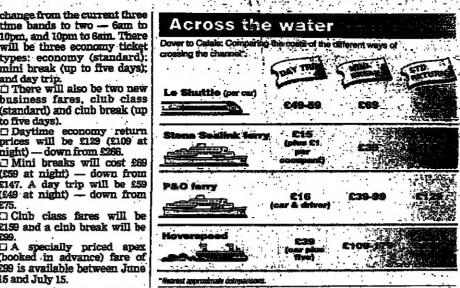
change from the current three time bands to two — 6am to 10pm, and 10pm to 6am. There will be three economy ticket types: economy (standard); mini break (up to five days); and day trip.

There will also be two new

☐ Daytime economy return prices will be £129 (£109 at night) — down from £266. ☐ Mini breaks will cost £69 (£59 at night) — down from £147. A day trip will be £59 (£49 at night) — down from Club class fares will b

to five days).

£159 and a club break will be ☐ A specially priced apex (booked in advance) fare of £99 is available between June



# Suffolk sofa yields secrets of US history

Sarah Boseley

SHEET of paper, found in an album tucked under a Suffolk sofa has been identified as the missing heart of George Washington's first draft of his inaugural speech, describing a radical and futuristic vision of the

United States.
The undelivered oration what he would do with his free is already the stuff of legend — Washington even-tually made do with a relatively few words at the ceremony on April 30, 1789. But the myth will only be enhanced by the bizarre discovery of the central passages, which are now expected to fetch between £100,000 and £150,000 at

> The missing leaf came to from Phillips, the auction-eers, was being shown round an old house in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, to value the books on the death of its

"It was in the last room. a drawing room with some leather-bound books on a few shelves," he said. "The Lee Hooker. "But we'll have to leave out one of them," said gardener pointed to this album sticking out from under the sofa. It was in a tatty, stained silk slip case, but the album inside was in very good condition. I as the most familiar white dis-

> The album was full of old documents which had been collected for their curiosity



speech. It is thought to

have been her album that was retrieved from under-

For collectors of Ameri-

neath the Suffolk sofa.

Felix Pryor, Phillips' book consultant, who authenticated the Washington leaf. "It had been sitting in the album since about 1840 or so and I don't think any-

opened it and got very ex-cited, although I didn't real-ise the full implications."

body knew what it was," said Mr Pryor. After his death, Washington's speech had been passed to Jared Sparks who

was editing the first presi-dent's papers. Sparks, who later became the first secular professor of history in the United States and president of Harvard, was convinced that Washington had not written it himself. When the papers were

value as autographs, said | sold in 1837, Sparks was tist known today for his | cana, says Mr Pryor, the allowed to keep "a few autographs", which in-cluded the speech. What he did with it caused later hissupport of Charles Darwin, visited the United States to lecture in 1841 and it is thought he — or more likely his autograph-collec-tor wife Mary — was hon-oured by Sparks with an entire leaf of Washington's torians to tear their hair.

"It is every archivist's nightmare," said Mr Pryor.

"People were quite cavalier at that time. It was a big

thing in the 1830s to chop up other people's manu-scripts to hand out as autographs."
Sparks gave away pages
of Washington's speech,

and when they began to run out, he cut others into

out. Charles Lyell, the scien-

# Simon Roberts . . . got very

an imposed government. "But until the people of America shall have lost all virtue — until they shall have become totally insensible to the difference beuntil they shall have been reduced to such poverty of spirit as to be willing to sell that pre-eminent blessing, the birthright of Freeman, short, until they shall have been found incapable of governing themselves and ripe for a Master — those consequences, I think, can

never arrive... He then envisages the future greatness of America and, Mr Pryor suggests, gives "an uncanny fore-taste" of the information

"The preliminary observation that a free government ought to be built on of the people will here find find is like the discovery of the Holy Grail. The earlier leaves dealt with constituits proper place — Happily our Citizens are remarkably instructed by education, docile to duty and intional matters, but this leaf genious for making improvements. — I believe, that more knowledge is, at this moment, diffused among them, than among almost ..." (manuscript breaks off).
And the rest, as they say,

of the American Revolution." In it, Washington rejects is history.

# Drug scam hits US Navy

in Washington

second guitarist, Scott Holt, to lead off on Red House. Soon the backstage elders took over

Jonathan Freedland

HE scandal-plagued United States Navy suf-fered further embarrassment yesterday as 21 sail-ors were arrested for running a drug-smuggling operation. Navy investigators said the sailors, based in Naples, were recruited by Nigerian dealers to carry sackfuls of cocaine

Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The accused are mainly junior sailors, but one is a lieutenant commander. The sailors are reportedly also suspected of selling US birth certificates and passports to their Nigerian pay

masters. "These arrests tar-get a few individuals whose

and several thousand dollars | Jeremy "Mike" Boords, the after raids by agents of the | navy's highest-ranking officer, who shot himself minutes before he was due to meet two right to wear Vietnam combat

The prestigous Naval Academy in Maryland has seen several scandals, including the discovery of a drug ring involving 24 sailors.

el's security. "I think we have to choose between a future bright with larly in preventive work, would hope and peace and security, and the present that offers litish Medical Association lead to more people being inwarned yesterday.

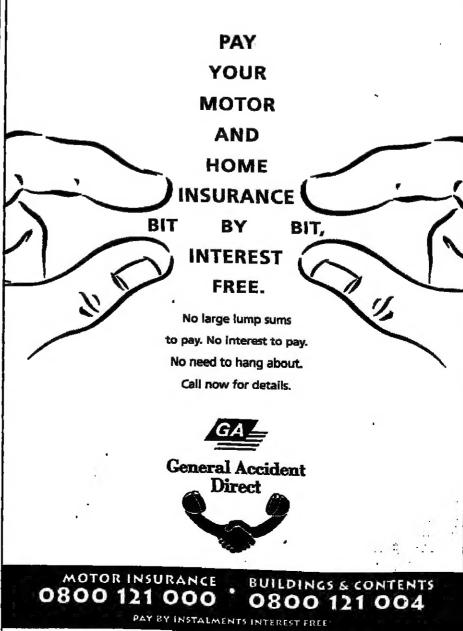
The Department of Health
has reduced Aids treatment
and care funding this years had a seen funding the same had a seen fundin tle hope, little peace and little

security," he said. As voters went to the poils in record numbers, there was

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sailable 20 er cent. That was when the nation was still in deep collective

enclaves of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and pledged to maintain Israel's occupation of the Golan shock over the November as- Heights, captured from Syria



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livered Gettysburg Address

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with wrinkles and a devilish grin. As with most veteran black bluesmen in America, came another long excursion. both laughing and crying, for such are the blues when they Buddy's apprentices are white, accomplished and look greed has allegedly gotten in the way of their values," said The navy's darkest hour remains the Tailhook affair of are of the right hue. Clapton sounded more en-gaged and stitched in here and heroin into Europe from Turkey and elsewhere. Their like they brush their teeth every day. Buddy, twice their John Ryan, the US Fleet Air Mediterranean Commander. 1991, when a party of navy aviators celebrated victory in The arrests are the latest blow to morale in the Navy, than at his Albert Hall blue uniforms provided perfect cover, enabling them to cross borders with minimal scruage, was the only one with a the Gulf war by forming a gauntlet along a hotel corri-dor where they groped and asbrandy bottle on the amp. sathons. The duo was greater singing the usual, delightful than the sum of its parts. As the enlivened Buddy said: 'This man makes everybody once venerated as the most tiny, naval officials said.
The suspects were found with more than 10lbs of drugs suicide this month of Admiral filth: "One leg in the East/One leg in the West/I'm driving down the middle/tryin' to do saulted female colleagues. Of-ficers were later punished for play". The two cheshire-cat grins confirmed what the octogenar ian, Mississippi Mudslide Slim, said to me once, one over Have You Ever Been Mistreated? and Feels Like Rain both began with a lightness of Peres 'set for slim victory the eight in Chicago: "The best is Buddy Guy. But there's only two white boys can do it: ensual touch, dramatically punched by sharp, steely bursts. Buddy's guitar can be Stevie Ray Vaughan, and your English boy, I forget his name continued from page I cast his vote yesterday morn-ing. "One road leads to peace, the other to [Jewish] settlemounting evidence that fears | Yitzhak Rabin. But Mr Peres The set had a theme, mimon security had weighed saw his advantage blown to heavily. icking his favourites like John For the first time, Israelis bombings which killed 63 ments, and these are in full contradiction. I hope the had two votes — one for prime minister, and another people and horribly under-mined the prime minister's promises of peace. **HIV doctors denounce cut** nation chooses peace."

Mr Netanyahu shrugged off
the very idea of defeat. "I for one of the 20 parties con-Last month's Israeli bomtesting the 120-seat Knesset. 7.7 per cent, or £10 million, The victor in the prime bardment of southern Leha-Sarah Boseley think my opponent is proba-bly considering it. I haven't," while it is expected that the number of patients needing ministerial poll, even if he non alienated Arab voters has no majority in the Knesfrom Mr Peres. HE Aids epidemic, which Britain has been more treatment will increase by he told reporters as he cast set, cannot be dislodged with-Mr Netanyahu has said that his vote. He insisted the main out provoking yet another about 6 per cent, said Tony if elected he would drastically Pinching, a clinical immunologist. issue was not peace, but Israsuccessful in containing than general election. change Israel's approach to In mid-February, when the clections were called, Mr threatened to order Israeli peres was ahead in the opinmost countries, could slip out Prof Pinching said there was a risk that cutbacks, particuof medical control if government funding cuts go ahead, specialists backed by the BritThursday May 30 1996

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Leaving a nasty taste . . . Gascoigne has courted controversy on and off the pitch throughout his footballing career

# Gazza blamed for FA own goal

MPs want England star dropped if he caused £5,000 plane damage

Sports Correspon

HE Football Association was at the centre of a political row last night as MPs rounded on it for failing to drop Paul Gascoigne from England's Euro 96 squad after an incident on a plane in which £5,000 of damage

was caused.
The deadline for naming the squad passed at midnight, with the FA saying it was "very unlikely" that anyons would be withdrawn from the 22-man list announced on

John Carlisle, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party's back-bench sports com-mittee, said: "This has happened at a time when we are worried about what is going to happen when the com-petition gets under way. It sets a terrible example. The culprits should be identified. publicly exposed and thrown out of the squad at once. And if that includes Paul Gas-coigne, then so be it."

Labour MP Andrew Mack-inlay denounced the decision by England manager Terry Venables, who is in Switzerland, not to confront the players until Monday as "wholly unacceptable".

If he is abroad, he ought to get back pretty damn quick and deal with it," said the MP for Thurrock. "Whoever is guilty of these acts of vandal-ism should be identified at once and at the very least ex-

cluded from the squad."
David Mellish, Chief Constable of Northumbria, where a tough anti-hooligan drive in is no indication recent weeks has resulted in 63 England player."

arresis, said: "It goes without saying that all professional sportsmen have a responsibility to behave properly."

Mr Gascoigne was also allegedly involved in an altercation with a photographer at Heathrow, where the Cathay Pacific plane bringing the England squad from Hong Kong landed.

Russell Clisby said: "I started to photograph him and he started shouting abuse and swearing. He was very

and swearing. He was very drunk and acting like a real kid. Bryan Robson grabbed his arm and dragged him away, telling him to calm

Gascoigne's agent, Mel player's version of events, in which two personal television monitors and a foldaway table were damage

FA," said Mr Stein. "The FA have already instituted their own internal inquiry, and Paul is very happy about this. He's going to co-operate

The FA is also attempting to play the incident down.
"We have to say that nobody on that flight — certainly members of the FA staff — are aware of any serious incident," said FA spokesman Steve Double. "We were not informed by the airline staff of any problem. I am very sur-prised because I would have walked past the seats where that damage is alleged to have taken place and I saw nothing

untoward there.
"While we accept that there was some damage, we are not pointing the finger at any one player at the moment. There is no indication it was an

#### Aian Travis on the penalty facing mercurial midfielder if found guilty

PAUL Gascoigne would be line on an England footballer likely to face a fine of who was found guilty, particpay £5,000 compensation to Cathay Pacific if he were found guilty by a court of causing criminal damage. Although he would not be

sent to prison, magistrates would have the power to impose reporting restrictions to prevent him attending the next game, as they would with any football hooligan. The court could, for example, require Gascoigne to report to Heathrow police at 2.30 on June 8 when England

kick off their opening Euro 96 game against Switzerland. Magistrates have been set guidelines which give a fine of £270 as the "going rate" for the average criminal damage offence. But they could be ex-

around £2,500 and an order to ularly one who committed such an offence two days after newspaper headlines in which the Government 'yob" culture. The court has the discretion to vary the fine according to the income of the

An international footballer in these circumstances would also face a heftier fine if he were shown to have been acting as a ringleader rather than on his own. He would get less than the maximum available penalty of £5,000 or six months in prison as his solicities. tor would argue that he had acted impulsively and may have also been provoked. A timely guilty plea might secure a discount of one third on his sentence.



Calling the tune . . . a pointed Loyalist tribute after scoring for Glasgow Rangers



Crying shame . . . after being dumped out of England's last World Cup in 1990



Belly laugh . . . Gascoigne keeps some jokes above the belt for his fans

#### Gazza's gaffes

July 1991: Arrested over street brawl after all-day drinking binge in which he headbutted Gian Fulgenzi, an Italian waiter, and John Beach after Gascoigne's sister was knocked unconscious and the two men went to help her. Conditionally discharged for the assault on Mr Beach, but later pays him 27,500 out of

October 1991: Fractures right kneecap in scuffle at Newcastle nightclub.

October 1992: Forced to apologise to the people of Norway after telling them to "fuck off on Norwegian television.

January 1993: Fined £9,000 after belching into an Italian TV microphone during a selfimposed media silence.

August 1993: Book by forme personal assistant Jane Nottage reveals incidents - including urinating on teammates and going on brandy binges — and alleges he suffered from bulimia.

January 1994; Allegedly punches Italian photographer Lino Nanni and is summonsed to appear in Italian

July 1994: Rings up the News of the World to tell them he beat his girlfriend Sheryl Kyle for two years.

December 1994: Checks into stress clinic in Italy after reports of drinking and eating binges.

December 1994: Interviewed by police after two of his minders were alleged to have in-timidated a man who was taking a picture of friends in a London bar as Gascoigne was

August 1995: On debut for Rangers, mimics playing an Orangeman's flute after scoring and causes the BBC to be banned from Ibrox stadium for broadcasting the incident

in background.

December 1995: One-match ban over headbutting inci-dents during a match against

January 1996: Questioned by Gateshead police over inci-dent in Indian restaurant in which it was claimed be hurled racial abuse at waiters.

February 1996: Goes on drinking binge in London with Rangers team-mates as girlfriend Sheryl goes into labour with their child.

February 1996: Interviewed by police over allegations by a former girlfriend of a sex attack. No charges brought.

# **Bonuses for** drought firm directors

Martyn Halsell and Nicholes Bannister

DECISION to pay bonuses to water company directors said to have suffered stress during their handling of last year's drought in York-shire has enraged sharebolders.

Eleven days ago a public in-quiry set up and funded by Yorkshire Water blamed comyorkshire water blamed com-pany executives for failing to anticipate demand and pre-pare emergency plans. It also criticised the company for losing 37 per cent of the water it produced through leakage. The much-criticised com-

pany has decided to compensate directors of its regulated water subsidiary, Yorkshire Water Services, for the "stress" involved in dealing with last year's shortage — a problem which the company had largely brought upon

Peter Bowler, campaigns of-ficer for the lobby group WaterWatch, said yesterday: "If it is true that directors are to be rewarded, it is an insult to customers. It was their failure to invest in supplies and fix leaks which caused the

At the company's annual general meeting in Harrogate on July 25, directors will face demands for details of the bonuses paid to senior staff and will be asked whether these will be included in this year's

will be included in this year's annual report.
WaterWatch chairwoman Penny Ward sald: "Quite frankly, directors should be surcharged rather than given bonuses. They are being rewarded for dealing with a crisis of their own making." That cannot be right and shareholders will want to

know why." Diana Scott, a former chair-woman of Yorkshire Water's customer services committee, suggested that customers who invested in bottled water and tion, as businesses and local authorities had done.

Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax, called the the it. You would have had to live in Yorkshire, and particu-in Yorkshire, and particu-larly West Yorkshire, to know the anxiety and stress caused last summer by their antics and chaos."

She sald the directors and

senior managers had them-senior managers had them-selves caused stress to cus-tomers by threatening rota cuts stopping supplies for up to 24 hours. "If there's money available, it should go on reducing hills or into making reducing bills, or into making sure we get a supply that is always going to be there." David Nicholson, Conserva-

tive MP for Taunton and treasurer of the all-party group on water, said he did not approve of the payments. "It's a highly contentious matter," he said. When water ran short in West Yorkshire last summer the company wanted to limit

demand by imposing restric-tions on customers, a move which would have had little impact on profits. However, it was later forced to bring in water from neighbouring Kielder reservoir through a 24-hour tankering operation costing £47 million.

Since then it has an nounced plans to spend £70 million on emergency measures to prevent a repeat of last year's flasco. Chairman Sir Gordon Jones and managing director Trevor Newton

are stepping down.
In December, the company said it planned to reward stall for extra work during the drought, but refused to confirm that executives would get bonuses. A spokeswoman said yes-

terday that payments to direc-tors of Yorkshire Water and Yorkshire Water Services would be shown in the annual report and accounts to be published in the summer. She refused to say how many ex-ecutives would get bonuses or containers because of fears of reduced supplies might be how much they would get.

## **Animal-human** sperm 'possible'

Tim Radford on an human to pig, and only doing the experiment will tell you". experiment where implanted mice

produced rat sperm

CIENTISTS in the US Shave developed a technique that, in theory, other animal produce human

They have found a way to make male mice produce rat sperm by transplanting sperm precursor cells of the larger mammal into the testes

of its smaller relative. Ralph Brinster, of the University of Pennsylvania, reports today in the science

technique he and colleagues from the University of Texas Altogether rat testis cells were transplanted in 10 mice,

and the scientists found that rat sperm production took place in 19 out of 20 mouse

long tube that connects the testis to the penis and found that those which had har-boured the transplants for of a series of recent dramatic more than 110 days contained sperm with a shape that be-longed to rats rather than Rats and mice are thought

to have diverged from a com-mon ancestor 11 million years ago. The success of the experi-ment suggests that at least part of the sperm process is common to all mammals.

But the remarkable thing is that the mice were able to nurture sperm that took 50 per cent longer to develop than they would naturally produce, and with a different

Dr Brinster told the BBC Mustard plants with a bacprogramme Tomorrow's
World: "The rat-to-mouse suggests that you can go across

Tobacco with a gene for species it's difficult to say. In terms of going from human to mouse it may be much more difficult than going from vaccines.

The team has now estab lished an "immortal" line of spermatogenic cells which can be taken out of the freezer, revived and perhaps genetically altered. This is more than simply freezing

sperm. "When you treeze a stem cell and you can show it will grow in another animal, you have saved that individual, yon have immortalised that individual," he said. "It's a totally new concept in

biology.
"It's very unlikely I think that one could not freeze the sperm stem cells of all mam-malian species. I would be surprised if the human stem cell could not be frozen and journal. Nature, that the perhaps kept for many years,

perhaps indefinitely."

The research poses a new pioneered could 'prove useful problem for those bodies set in biology, medicine and agriculture". problem for those bodies set up to consider the ethics of genetic research. The 1990 Human Fertilization and Embryology Act sets certain constraints on embryology research in Britain. But it does not expressly deal with sperm machinery trans-They also examined the plants: until now, no one had

expected these to be possible. But the transplant from one neering. Scientists in Britain and the US are racing to perfect a pig with a human-com patible heart, and a sheep in Edinburgh has been producing a human protein for Other experimental trans-

fers include ☐ An "antifreeze" gene from tomato to prevent frost damage;

□ A banana with a gene

which makes a vaccine against the blood virus, hepa-titis B;





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# Silence reigns in chamber as roll of death is read at measured pace

Erlend Clouston on the mix of restraint and bloody detail presented at hearing HE NAMES of the six-

to a crowded but silent chamber in Stirling's Al-bert Halls. In a firm voice, the Lord Advocate, Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, went at a mea-sured pace through the list of victims of the gunman. Thomas Hamilton, whose suicide brought the deaths to 18. He then listed the 17 others injured in the gym of Dunblane primary school.

Presiding over the in-quiry was a judge, Lord Cul-len. But the most important people were in the balcony above the chamber. Given the ordeal before them for possibly the next three months, it was surprising that so many relatives and friends of the victims turned up. But for the past 11 weeks they have had to tread a narrow path be-tween shunning publicity

and the need to discover the truth about March 13. Lord Mackay told the inquiry that information about all the victims, including biographical details and post-mortem reports, were in three red folders.

But the details inside would not be read out to respect the privacy of the families concerned. "As far as is hu-manly possible, the evi-dence will be given in a dence will be given in a manner which protects the identity of the individual victims," said the Lord Advocate. If it became possible to identify any victim, he hoped the media would not publish their name.

Some of the detail of the death of the symman.

death of the gunman, Thomas Hamilton, would, however, be read out and discussed, said Lord

The chamber has been re-carpeted so no footfalls dis-turb the atmosphere of in-

quiry, exemplified by Lord Cullen's courteous voice. "Shall we begin again?" he asked at the start of the

Oddly, the public had mainly stayed away. There vere barely two dozen disinterested parties in the rows of seats shared with lesser legal representative The Scottish Office had

one out of its way to make the proceedings available Thirteen TV monitors establed everyone to be special acrial photographs of the school. On an architect s drawings was shown the cove where the injured staff, Mary Blake and Eileen Harrild, cowered, and where an unidentified boy had kept muttering: ... "What a bad man."

More than 100 journalist are registered for the in-quiry, and the Lord Advo-cate's questioning was

piped into a pre-fabricated nedia centre erected at the back of the Halls. Particulars of the suicide of the "caucasian male" spilled out of the loudspeakers.

"A fountain of blood fol-lowed the line of the bullet from the top of his head and sprayed in the same direction on to the floor behind him," a forensic scientist, Malcolm Chisholm,

reported. in contrast, and in defer-ence to the balcony, the deaths of his 17 victims were presented in as pain-lease way as possible. A pa-thologist, Anthony Busut-ell, sold the Lord Advocate Am I right in under-standing that some of the wounds were fatal, and some not fatal?" Lord



# Minutes of mayhem that took 17 lives

Police chief/ School staff did 'absolutely unbelievable job' as harrowing task of identifying massacre victims went on

day's hearing came when the inquiry was shown a colour photograph of ton, dressed in black, sprawled on his back on the floor of the school gym next to a pool of blood.

The picture, seen on television monitors around the in-quiry chamber, showed the gun with which Hamilton had shot himself as well as the Browning pistol he used for most of his shooting spree. Two other guns lay on the floor a short distance away.

The picture, requested by a lawyer who wanted the posi-tion of the guns made clear, was shown during evidence from Det Chief Supt John Ogg, chief investigating offi-cer of the incident. He said he first heard about it at about

9.45am on March 13. He said a man fitting Hamilton's description was first seen by a witness, Audrey McMillan, at about 9.28am driving a white van slowly near the school. The van had parked beside a telegraph pole inside the school grounds. Pliers recovered from the scene were found by forensic scientists to have cut phone links to local houses but not the school.

Mr Ogg said Mrs McMillan had seen Hamilton get out and take a silver material from the van which he unfolded on the ground. It looked like a tool wrap with objects in it but she could not ee what these were.

The first shot was believed to have been fired at 9.37am. he said. Eileen Harrild was the first person to be shot, folowed by Gwen Mayor and Mary Blake.

He said one child who was walking up the side of the gym after leaving a class saw Hamilton in the first position, when he entered the gym, and also saw him in the middle of the gym firing shots. "Hamilton noticed him and dis-charged a shot in his direc-

tion, and he was injured by breaking glass," said Mr Ogg. After firing in the middle of the gym, Hamilton walked in a semi-circle, firing more shots, then moved up nearer the top of the gym and fired a shot through the window at the east side of the gym.

He then opened the fire es-cape door and fired four shots Four shots were fired from within the gym, then he stepped out of a fire escape door and fired another four shots before firing nine shots at the primary seven hut. A teacher there, Mrs Gordon, "which is very fortunate — one of the bullet holes was through the back of a chair."

towards the main building where a teacher, Mrs Tweddle, was walking along a corridor. She was struck a glanc-ing blow to the head. When body of Thomas Hamil-n, dressed in black, gym he fired five or six more

ahots, the officer said. Det Chief Supt Ogg said stu-dent teacher David Scott had witnessed some of the shoot-ing, and Hamilton's final shot. Mr Scott had described seeing Hamilton in a firing position, firing with only a second between shots. The student teacher had de-scribed how Hamilton took a

gun close to his face. "I could not see if he put the gun to his mouth or just to his face," the student teacher had told police. "I then heard a shot. The man's head slumped backwards with a jolt, his knees folded, he fell back-wards to the floor landing near the wall and on his back," Mr Scott had said.

Mr Ogg said doctors ar rived from nearby Doune and the village of Callendar. A medical team from Stirling Royal Infirmary arrived at 10.15am. They were followed by others from the same hospital and a team from Falkirk. Police threw a cordon to remove the injured to hospital, began identifying iffe dead and set up an inquiry. The last of the injured was moved from the gym by 11sm. All but one of the injured survived be added.

He explained the problems of identifying the injured and dead. Two pupils were absent from the class, and teachers and staff helped with the identifications, which Mr Ogg agreed was an incredibly harrowing task

He said the head teacher and his staff did an "abso-lutely unbelievable job because the circumstances were

extremely distressing".

At one stage police were relying for identity on clothing labels. But one child was wearing a pair of shorts with a name tag which did not relate to anybody in the gym. Another young victim did not have a school record card al-though the school roll indicated she was in attendance.

The telephone line to the school was jammed by anxious parents and the media. Police reverted to mobile phones which also became

volved train crashes and not a mass shooting. Every major crime in rural areas caused communication problems. He said it was not until about 1.30pm that police were sure of the identification of all the victims and could begin to inform parents.



Gwen Mayor and her first-year primary class, all aged five or six. Mrs Mayor and 16 of the children were killed by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane

# 105 rounds fired in less than a minute

#### The guns/ Dum-dum rounds and four weapons found

FIREARMS expert yes-terday told the inquiry that Hamilton fired 105 rounds from one gun in the small school gym in less than a minute. Then he fired another into his mouth. Malcolm Chisholm, aged 52,

Media/ Police

said Hamilton carried four powerful handguns and 743 rounds of ammunition, which 501 were accounted for. into the primary school. Many of the rounds were

hollow-nosed and designed to mushroom on impact — similar to dum-dum bullets. When Mr Chisholm, a ballistics expert with Tayside

police, arrived at the scene two hours after the shooting, the gym was strewn with spent cartridge cases. He found two 9mm Browning automatic pistols, one with a hair trigger, and two .375 Smith and Wesson magnum revolvers. Mr Chisholm said all except one of the shots fired in the massacre were from the hair-triggered Browning. Tests on that pistol showed it could fire a full magazine of 20 shots in 5.46 seconds. It took 50.4 seconds to fire the 105 spent cartridges

round magazines were also found, each marked with a yellow sticker to indicate the front end. "This was not standard practice — it was a ploy that informed the user which was front and back for speed of magazine exchange," said in his report.

empty, three part-full, and the other 18 were full.

Mr Chisholm said Hamilton appeared to have fired two bullets before entering the gym, one into the assembly hall stage he passed on his way, and one into a tollet wall. He said there was no explanation for the shots. From the gym door he fired 29 rounds to all parts of the

right hand to his left and the side of the gym, firing six drew the Smith & Wesson revolver with his right hand. rounds as he did so, before firing eight rounds across the He then placed the muzzle of this gun in his mouth pointgym, 30 rounds from the top of the gym, and 13 from a fire door towards a cloakroom and temporary classroom in the school grounds. Seven out of nine bullets directed at the classroom went straight

through it, ending up in the playground outside. Hamilton then came back through the fire door, and sprayed the gym with more bullets, aiming all over the room and firing into the equipment room where Mary Blake, Eileen Harrild and several survivors were hiding.

Mr Chisholm described the

gunman's last moments: "He

ing upwards and pulled the trigger.
"The fired bullet has exited through the top of his head and ... a fountain of blood fol-lowed the bullet and spread ... on to the floor behind him.

The force of the shot has thrown him in a backwards direction with the result he has landed on his back. The recoil of the fired gun resulted in it being torn from his grasp and landing on the floor of the gym. He has man-aged to retain a grip of the pistol in his left hand."

ITN said it was extremely | Lynne McMaster, whose fiveyear-old daughter Victoria died, said: "I was too distressed to watch any television at the time but I accept the cameras had to be there. I do not really feel there was an invasion of privacy.

The council's adjudication was criticised by the Independent Television Commis which said it believed "its licensees generally responded with care and sensitivity".

#### **Doctors/** How accident plan was put into operation

T TOOK more than 12 hours from 4nm on the day of the tragedy until 4.30am the following morning to complete post-mortems on Thomas Hamilton and his 17

Two teams of pathologists worked at Stirling Royal In-firmary after discussions with the procurator fiscal, the inquiry was told. It was decided that the post

mortem examinations of the 16 children and the teacher, Gwen Mayor, should be as unintrusive as possible. Their bodies were not to be dis-sected in a way that would normally be done in the case of a violent death.

ried out on Hamilton.

One of the two pathologists, Anthony Busuttil, regius professor at Edinburgh university, said that the victims had gunshot wounds. There was a considerable variety of wounds and it was not possible to tell from where the shots had been fired.

The post morten on Hamilton that the tell from the control of the contro

ton, done the day after the shooting showed that he had a gunshot wound which began in his mouth and emerged at the back of his head, a few inches above his

40mm by 25mm, was sur-rounded by brain and bone fragments. Hamilton had died

instantaneously.
Tests showed no traces of gym. He then walked down switched the pistol from his had been healthy, well-fed and muscular, with no sign of

A consultant paediatrician; Jack Beattle, of Stirling Roya infirmary, said the hospital's accident and emergency department received the first information of the shootings at 9.48am. A major incident was

declared. He reached the school at 10.15am and was met by police and ambulance personnel in the gym, where there were a "large number" of dead and injured children and one dead adult, Mrs

Some casualties had a single gunshot wound but others had more than one. Four of the children had "po-tentially fatal" wounds. But even the most injured child was able to tell him his name.

The first priority was to establish who was still alive and then assess them to see who needed treatment and who was "beyond treatment". Patients were then put in priority order for treatment and evacuation.

At the hospital, operating theatres were cleared under a major accident plan in which the victims arriving at the accident and emergency unit were met by individual surgi-cal and anaesthetic teams.

#### blocked because the media ar-rived very quickly. Mr Ogg said police had car-ried out major disaster exer-cises but these usually inback ITN after criticism by watchdog

TN was criticised yesterday by a broadcasting watchdog for intruding into the grief of families involved in the Dun-blane massacre, writes

dards Council upheld two complaints against ITN, but its coverage was praised by the police and by one of the bereaved parents shown on its bulletins. The council, which

found in the gym, he said.

received 25 complaints, said most of the reporting was as measured and sympathetic as possible, but it upheld a complaint from a single viewer about ITN's early evening news because it dwelt for too Andrew Culf. long on families waiting for The Broadcasting Stan-news outside the school.

Lady Howe, said: "Shots were used of clearly identifiable families together with the sound of their cries anguish ... The council felt this was an unnecessary intrusion into the families'

It criticised News at Ten for screening a brief interview with Agnes Hamilton, mother of the gunman Thomas Hamilton, saying it "falled to take account that she too was a victim of the tragedy".

The council, chaired by disappointed by the rulings. The massacre was a uniquely shocking event, and would have been wrong to ex-clude all shots of distress. To do so would not have accurately reflected the horror felt by the people of Dunblane." Chief Supt Louis Munn, of

the Central police force, said: TTN and the other British One of the parents shown.

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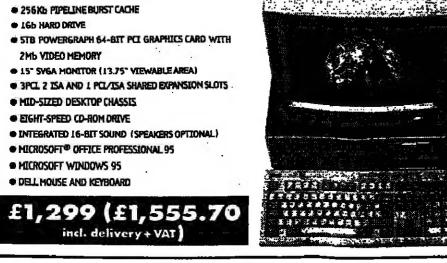
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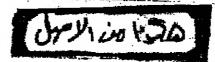


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But Mr Hume's colleague Joe Hendron, MP for West Bel-

fast, this week branded Sinn Fein sectorian and fascist.

Mr Hume tiptoed around the charge, saying "There are differences between the

parties, but to create a posi-

tive atmosphere we have not

engaged in criticising other parties."

Ballot boxes at a church hall in Belfast ready for distribution around Northern Ireland for today's election

# Hume leaves real debate to later



John Hume: main aim is for talks, not votes

David Sharrock

ITH one last tour of the town he loves, John Hume yesterday pressed home his message that a vote for the SDLP in today's Northern Ireland elections is a vote for peace.

Beyond that the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader is playing his cards close to his chest on the im-pending talks — where the real action will be. Mr Hume never wanted an

election, warning it would drive the protagonists into more extreme positions ahead of the talks. His party has thus fought a low-key campaign. He is also often accused of making "John Hume's Single Transferable Speech", and yesterday was no different.
Only 10 days, before reaching
his objective of all-party talks
on Northern Ireland's future. it is hardly surprising that on his tour of Londonderry he would not forsake the script.

So he declined to answer "hypothetical" questions like what he will do if there is no IRA ceasefire and the June 10 talks occur without Sinn Fein, His task was to get through today's elections and go to the talks "to reach agreeme among our divided people".

## 1 in 3 born outside marriage

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

ONE in three births is oc-curring outside marriage, according to provisional statistics published yesterday.
They show that 33.9 per cent of all babies born in 1995 in England and Wales were

born to unmarried women. The figures show a resump-tion, albeit at a slower rate, of the growth in births outside marriage after earlier signs same address that the trend was tailing off. cohabitation.

The rate in 1994 was 32.4 per cent, little changed from 82.2 per cent in 1993. The one in three rate com-pares with 19.2 per cent

(fewer than one in five) in 1985 and 9.2 per cent in 1976. Although Britain's rate has outstripped the European Union average, it still lags well behind those of Scandinavian countries. More than half the births to unmarried women in Britain are regis-tered by both parents at the same address — indicating

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Party faces loss of control of troubled borough

# Labour ultimatum to council rebels

ABOUR tonight risks borough of Hackney in east London when 39 councillors, including 18 rebels, will be asked to sign an undertaking to abide by party rules or face permanent debarment.

They will also be asked to abide by whips approved by the party's general secretary. Tom Sawyer, accept the au-thority of the group's leader, Nick Tallentire, and promise they will not make group de-cisions outside party structhat the rebels have been run

ning 2 party inside a party.
Labour's National Executive Committee last week disbanded the Labour Group --bar its four most senior officers — following nearly a year of internal battles. The conflict, in one of Brit-

ain's poorest boroughs, does not follow neat Labour left-Did he think the SDLP will I not call a ceasefire? "Those are all hypotherical quesright lines. One observer, the Hackney Liberal Democrat deputy leader, Keith Steven-ton, claims the 18 rebels tions. Our objective is to do everything we can to ensure everybody will be at the talks.

"We have the best opportunity in 25 years to take the gun out of frish politics for ever. It's up to everybody to should be seen as modernis ers. One rebel is David Phillips, a retired senior civil ser-David Trimble, in the absence do everything they of Sinn Fein, if the IRA does achieve that." vant and one-time member of recruitment fraud agreed that the private office of former Mr Crofton should be given

Labour minister Tony Cros-land. | Credit for goading the council into action, but also praised Mr Yeboah, and claimed that group members follow the Mr Crofton won his job back

group members follow the whip, a central point of dispute has been the future of Bernard Croston, the housing director, recruited in 1990 to improve the council's abys-mal services and last month described by MPs as "a courageous and outstanding public

Mr Crofton's energy in tackling fraud split the party. They cannot think

#### this is a bit of paper like the Munich agreement

Following allegations of

misconduct and racial discrimination, he was dis-missed in March 1995. He had clashed with Sam Yeboah. whom he accused at one point of not doing enough to tackle fraud. Mr Crofton appealed and, with the new council leadership in power, was reinstated in November 1995. However, last month a council-commissioned report by Ian MacDonald QC into

The council, with Liberal Democrat and Conservative support, narrowly agreed that the report not be published and voted not to refer the The split deepened when 18 rebels boycotted the group's annual general meeting on May 7 in protest at elections being deferred. Eight days later they defied a group in

under false pretences and should be reported to police.

later they defied a group in-struction not to vote for Linda Hibberd, a supporter of Mr Crofton and the deputy mayor, for the post of mayor. Mr Tallentire's critics claimed he had sought to smear Ms Hibberd.

In an index of the bitterness within the group, Mr Tallen-tire insisted yesterday: "It will not be good enough if the rebels simply sign the paper promising to abide by party rules and think it's back to

"They cannot think this is a bit of meaningless paper like the Munich agreement." However, the deputy leader, Meral Ece, said the national party had misunderstood their concerns: "Services in Hackney have been a disaster. We want to improve them."

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don't normally." But he did admit the unionists were "all

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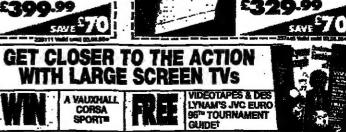














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# **Srebrenica** slaughter unearthed

NITED Nations war crimes investigators yesterday unearthed numan remains on an isolated stretch of northern Bosnian roadside, suspected to be one of several mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims massacred

by Serb troops last July. An international team of investigators dug three explor-atory holes in a roadside in the village of Cerska, eight miles west of the former Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, and found parts of four skeletons. Across the road they found hundreds of shell

They cordoned off the area and marked their finds with numbered flags. But their fo-rensic work and their mountain of evidence of Bosnian atrocities stand in marked contrast to the failure of the international community to bring to trial the leaders who

Up to 8,000 people are be-lieved to have been murdered after Serb troops overran the UN-designated "safe area" of Srebrenica last July.

As investigators pored over the evidence, the tribunal headquarters in The Hague pect to stand trial for the Srebrenica killings would appear before the international

court tomorrow. The suspect, a 24-year-old soldier named Drazen Erdemovic, has reportedly admitted that he took part in mass executions at a collec-tive farm near the river port of Zvornik. He was handed over by the Serbian government, keen to show co-opera-tion with the Hague tribunal, as stipulated by the Dayton peace agreement.

has said it does not believe fair elections will be possible with hardline separatists still in control of Serb territory. The US special envoy to the Balkans, John Kornbium, is

due in Belgrade tomorrow to add to the pressure on Mr Mi-losevic, and a Balkan summit, chaired by the US secretary of state. Warren Christopher, is



Chris Nuttall in Ankara

**EU** socialist

leader slams

**Turkey over** 

PAULINE Green, leader of the socialist bloc in the European Parliament, last night condemned Turkey for going backwards on democracy, human rights and the

and Cyprus.

At the end of a fact-finding mission to Turkey, the MEP said that the Ankara government would have to improve its record before the parliament would approve its slice of £3 billion in aid for 12

countries.
The leader of the largest group in the parliament also said Turkey should not hold out hope of full membership of the European Union while

"The release of money from the EU budget is down to us in the parliament to agree, and really we have to see some of the signs of the delivery of some promises made on human rights and democracy before we do so," she said.

The parliament reluctantly approved a customs union beween Turkey and the EU in December, but the socialist group went on to set up a permanent Turkey Watch to monitor the country's performance on democratic and human rights. A delegation from it, led by Ms Green, has met government ministers and visited the troubled

She said she had been discouraged by the trip: pledges by the government to lift a state of emergency in the south-east, where the security forces are fighting Kurdish separatist guerrillas. only meant this would be replaced by draconian powers given to

provincial governors.

The delegation had found that the reform of Article 8 of the penal code, limiting free-dom of expression, had led to the use of another section of the law which was equally effective at jailing writers and mics who discussed the Kurdish issue.

"On this basis, in Britain, the Scottish National Party would be banned and people would be imprisoned for saying they wanted independence from England," she said.

She admitted that eight months of political instability in Turkey had not helped the situation but said there was no commitment in any of the major parties' manifestos to tackle the problem of human

Quoting the fact that the chairman of the Turkish **Human Rights Association** worried there might be an attempt to crack down, even to ban some of these associations

and foundations." "We hear increasingly of people who have been tortured or have just disappeared. It's just not acceptable, Turkey has a long way to go."

fry, and the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, has failed so far to hand over Bosnian Serb political and mili-tary leaders indicted by the UN tribunal for mastermind

bia earlier this month. No at-

fought off an attempt by the international community's

have consolidated his power. The hardliners' ascendancy has been reflected in a renewed drive towards the ethnic partition of the country, in clear defiance of Dayton which envisages a

unitary state.

Muslim houses in northern Bosnia have been dynamited in the past week, and a fresh wave of Muslim expulsions

The Bosnian governmen

day, when war crimes sus-pects will top the agenda.

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

monks murdered by Algerian terrorists, had foreseen his death. Yesterday, his family released a letter in which Dom Christian murderer, whom he hopes

other monks from Tibehirine, south-west of Algiers are believed to have had their throats cut last Tuesfundamentalists from the

The letter, which he had told his family to open after his death, was written in January 1994, after the GIA first threatened his monastery. Entitled A-Dieu (To God), it reveals a love of Islam and a commitment to

Dom Christian writes: "If of terrorism, I want my community, my church, my family to remember that my life was given to God

"May they associate my death with others, just as violent as mine but anony-mous and greeted with

Dom Christian said he did not want Islam to be blamed: "It is too easy to identify this religion with fundamentalism and ex-

Giving thanks to his "And you too, last-minute friend who will not have known what you were doing, I want to thank you. May we meet again, in par-adise, with the Father who is ours. Amen. *Inshallah*."

10,000 Parisians laid flowers at the Trocadero on Tuesday evening in memory of the seven Trappist monks. Last Sunday, French churches tolled muffled bells - an event usually reserved for the

death of a pope.
But there was controversy as it emerged that the
French foreign ministry had negotiated with the GIA for two months to try to secure their release. It Was facing eight court cases against him for highlighting overseas and inland branches of the French branches may have also emerged yesterday secret services may have

> rian government confirmed this week that it believed the GIA was telling the truth in claiming to have

ing "ethnic cleansing".

Mr Milosevic's non-compliance was highlighted when the Bosnian Serb military commander, General Ratko Madic, appeared at a funeral for one of his officers in Serbia earlier this month. No at-

tempt was made in arrest him, although he has twice been indicted by the Hague tribunal for war crimes.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bos-nian Serb political leader who has also been indicted for war crimes, remains at large and high representative in Bos-nia, Carl Bildt, to sideline him a fortnight ago. Since then, Mr Karadzic appears to

has been unleashed in the Serb-held town of Teslic.

Algeria, where violence has claimed about 50,000 lives

Even though no bodies have been found, the Alge-

CHRISTIAN de Chergé. Cone of seven French

to meet in paradise. Prior Christian and six

Armed Islamic Group

interior minister, José Bar-rionuevo, had told him in 1990 since 1993. that the prime minister was aware of the secret campaign one day — and it could be today — I become a victim against ETA. He also said that it was part of the socialist government's policy. Mr Roldán has said he

and this country.

tremism. Algeria for me is something else; it's a body and a soul."

future assailant, he writes: Politicians and more than

hampered the negotiations. killed the monks.

day, after being held for two months by Islamic

the supreme court yesterday that the former prime minis-ter, Felipe Gonzáles, knew

indifference. My life is worth no more than any other, no less."

ABBE PIERRE has gone into exile in Italy after saying he had suffered too much from attacks over his alleged anti-Semitism*writes* Paul Webster in Paris. The Franciscan monk, once

seen as a living saint for his work with the poor and home-less, told a French Catholic magazine he might end his days at the Benedictine monastery in Praglia, near Padua. Last month, Abbé Pierre, aged 83, was ordered to leave a French anti-racism organisa tion after he supported the philosopher, Roger Garaudy, whose book questioned the ex-tent of Nazi massacres of Jews.

Ferry crew on death charges The captain and crew of the overloaded ferry that sank in

Lake Victoria were charged yesterday with causing the deaths of 615 passengers.
Captain Jumanne Rume Mwiru and eight crew members appeared in court in bers appeared in court in Mwanza, Tanzania. Survivors claim the captain and crew took bribes to allow people without tickets aboard. — AP.

Suu Kyi's vow

Burmese dissident leader Aung San Suu Kyi vowed yes-terday to bring democracy to her country, saying: "The future of course is democracy for Burma. It is going to happen, and I'm going to be here when it happens." - Reuter.

ment confirmed that it had eekend are confirmed by inreceived preliminary ac counts from more than 150 election observers about Opposition supporters in Tirana, who claim that at problems at a number of poll-

The European Commission

said yesterday it had received "disturbing reports" about the conduct of the election. In

least two of their number have been killed by govern-ment forces, held the first of a ng stations. Britain expressed concern about the conduct of the elecseries of nationwide rallies yesterday to press President Sali Berisha to annul Suntion, and hoped "the political parties will be able to reach some political accommoda day's poll.
The Organisation for Secution soon so parliamentary democratic pluralism in Alba

John Palmer in Brussels and Helena Smith in Tirana

ready to abandon plans for closer links with

World news in brief

about a 1980s "dirty war" against Basque separatists. Luis Roldan, who is

charged with kidnapping a Basque businessman, told the Madrid court that the former

Priest driven

into exile

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ging of the first round of the

ternational observers.

rity and Co-operation in Europe is still finalising its official report on the election, but its officials were quoted supporters of President which could lead to its

González knew about death

squads says former official

Berisha's Democratic Party had engaged in "shameless abuse" of the electoral EU foreign ministers are

Albania also faces demands for an international investiga tion into allegations of vio-

Terrorist Liberation Group) death squads, to avoid civil

tained he was unaware that-

GAL was operating on the fringes of the Spanish

Earlier this month, the

supreme court cleared Mr González of involvement with

the death squads, but indicted Mr Barrionuevo on charges of setting them up. — Reuter.

'Monster' turns

up on LA porch

THE fugitive Los Angeles I gangster and best-sell-ing author "Monster" Kody Scott was found by police sitting on a porch in south central LA signing autographs.

Scott, whose 1993 book, Monster: the Autobiogra-phy of an LA Gang Mem-ber, sold 100,000 copies,

and is being turned into a

Hollywood film, was unarmed and went quietly.
The convicted murderer will spend another year in jail. He was not too upset,

said a friend: "He said prison is just the place to do some serious writing."

Belgian road safety group

have launched a campaign to restore calm to the country's

roads. Insurer ABB reports

that more than half its clients

experienced daily aggression when driving dubbed road rage.—Reuter.

The Libyan leader, Muanimar

Gadafy, has renewed his

threat to deport Palestinians. He expelled 2,000 last year to

protest at the Israeli-Palestin-

Up to 80 people may be dead

and 25 wounded after sus-

pected Hutu rebels attacked a camp for displaced Tutsis in

Ruyigi, central Burundi, on

ian peace accords. -- AP.

Tutsis killed

Tuesday. - Reuter.

Gadafy's threat

Rage campaign

autographs.

security forces.

day that the ballot had ensured the end of President Berisha's honeymoon with the West, although they said charting a future course of Albania, which has al-

Face in the crowd . . . A supporter holds up a life-size portrait of Gennady Zyoganov as the Communist Party leader speaks at a rally in Krasnodar, southern Russia. Opinion polls show his earlier lead over President Boris Yeltsin has slipped away less than three weeks before the presidential election on June 16

PHOTOGRAPH: YUR KOCHETKOV

expected to review longer term plans for closer links ready been granted a trade and co-operation deal, when they meet in Luxembourg on action was far from easy. Dip-June 10. The EU paid tribute lomats maintain that in spite The ballot ensured the end of President

Berisha's honeymoon with the West

Serbian-ruled Kosovo. The election, the third multiparty poll since communism collpased in 1990, had been billed as a turning point in the

earlier this year to the way of his increasingly embar-the Tirana government has rassing autocratic streak, Mr refrained from exploiting ten-sions between ethnic Albani-ans and the authorities in abead with unpopular market

cials throughout the rundown capital conceded yester-

"What may be best for the region is not necessarily best for the democratic process in this country," one Western official lamented.

Albania may pay the price for election 'abuse' Opposition politicians, who guilty about its complicit called on their supporters to acceptance of the situation boycott the poll midway

through Sunday's voting, appear in no mood for con-Despite President Berisha's attempts yesterday to temper the size of his victory by saying the Socialists. — succes sors to the former Communist

rulers — had gained more votes than initially thought opposition spokesmen said they would not be content until the international community oversaw a fresh "We are determined to ex-

ose Berisha for what he is a dictator — and under no cir-cumstances will we agree to enter parliament," said Gramoz Pashko, of the Demo-cratic Alliance party. "The in-ternational community, and election now, rather than

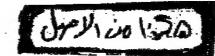
Increasingly, the opposition leaders say they have come under pressure from their followers to step up their resistance to the government with nationwide rallies, strikes and roadblocks. Reports of the deaths of two

activists, including a preg-nent woman, and claims that four others had gone missing have radically raised the political temperature. "We are trying our best to

contain people's anger at hav-ing seen their votes stolen," Mr Pashko said.

would be much better and cheaper if the European particularly the European having to send in 25,000 Union, must be made to feel troops at a later date."





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WHO'S GOING

GIVE ME THE BEST

DEAL TODAY?

## The Guardian Thursday May 30 1996 Unity could be loser in the race for prosperity



In the second report in a series, Andrew Higgins in Beijing speaks to an economist who fears a Yugoslavia-style

marble, polished wood, and plaster nymphs run by paremilitary police, the winners and losers of China's chaotic dash for prosperity collide on massage in Guizhou.

The People's Armed Police previously used the premises, just down the road from the Beijing Worker's Stadium, to show Communist Party propaganda films.

Now the force uses the building to make money from brief but profitable encounters between the ever-widening poles of China's economic

The race for prosperity is a frenzied but increasingly uneven competition that, ac-cording to a prominent Chinese economist, could push the country towards Yugo-slav-style disintegration. On one side are the new rich of the Chinese capital.

men with shiny suits and mo-bile phones. On the other are rve-nots from impoverished hinterlands, among them refugees such as Miss Ll, a young textile worker turned masseuse who came to Beijing after losing her job at a bankrupt state factory in Anhui province.

According to Hu Angang, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the gulf between rich and poor threatens China's ability to hold together and avoid disintegration into an anarchic jumble of feuding

important task today is to avoid China splitting apart," sald Mr Hu, an outspoken critic of the trickle-down theory championed by Deng Xisoping as an antidote to the stagnation left by Maoist egalitarianism.

While coastal provinces blessed by Beijing with tax breaks and flush with cash from Hong Kong and Taiwan, have raced ahead with poorer regions are lagging far behind.

disintegration of the state

poorest area. Qinglong county inflamo ethnic tension.

"Former Yugoslavia is a very good example of what can happen if regional gaps become too large and contral government loses too much power," said Mr Hu, "On the surface, the war there was unt about economies but an eth-nic conflict. The root eause,

though, was economic."
When Mr Deng's reforms began in 1978, Anhui province had a per capita GDP only slightly less than coastal Fujian. Today, both are far better off. But they have also proven for most Fujian's per support. grown far apart; Fujian's per capita figure is more than

twice that of Anhui.
This widening gap, believe
Mr Hu and like-minded advocates of strong central govern-ment, stokes separatist sentiments among both rich and

atia, the richest parts of former Yugoslavia, were the first to bolt, prosperous Chi-nese coastal regions could, they say, succumb to the

CHINA'S Kinjiang region thas banned new mosques and tightened con-

trols on border areas in a

crackdown on Muslim ac-tivists fighting for an Inde-pendent homeland, officials

Government leaders are

fighting to end a series of

assassinations of cadres

The official Kinjiang

Daily said orders had been

pro-government

and state media said.

mullahs.

Reuter in Beijing

tic product of China's richest of which have large non-region, the Zhuhai Special Chinese populations, acc-nomic grievances fuel resent-times higher than that in the ment against Beijing and

> Tibet, where Beijing was yesterday reported to have issued an ultimatum to "split-tists" to surrender and repent, comes 131st in the United Nations table of general development — an index combining life expectancy, literacy and other measures of well-being. Shanghal and Reijing are ranked 31st, ahead of South Korea and

Singopore.
"China is a vast country and the centre must have the money and authority to invite him to address local redress the balance," said Mr Hu. "No matter who is in charge, the central govern-ment cannot let provinces drift away. I want to change the rules of the game between the centre and provinces."
Instead of being silenced as

opears to have the ear of the Chineso leadership, which looks favourably on a coterie of neo-conservative scholars who see danger in China's fast-buck boom.

But Mr Hu has enraged coastal barons with demands that Beijing scrap privileges

The clampdown is the lat-

st attempt to put down an

A local official said an

underground group of Mus-lim "splittists" based in the regional capital Urumqi had killed six or seven

people and injured four

since February.
The assassinations of a

pro-Communist mullah, a government adviser and at

tral Asian states.

Xinjiang region cracks down

against Muslim separatists

romes by Mr Deng, now aged 91 and largely eclipsed as a political force.

political force.

Li Youwel, party chief in Shenzhen, which is a neighbour of Hong Kong, accuses him of trying to revive the rulnous egalitarian frenzy of Mao's Great Leap Forward and reverse Mr Deng's policies. policies.

policies.
"Deng's road was correct but the situation has changed," replied Mr Hu.
"We can't say a single word from Deng is worth 10,000 words by anyone else."
The economiat has the backing of powerful patrons. Ris views mesh with the arguments of Zhu Rongi, a polithurn member in charge

arguments of Zitu Rough, a politium member in charge of the sconomy who has struggled to hall rapid decen-tralisation produced by Mr

Deng's free-market frenzy.
Other supporters include
the leaders of poor provinces such as Anhui, the governor of which phoned last week to

Agency, which produces secret daily reports for 'internal reference", in cluded a paper written by Mr Hu on the parallels with Yugoslavia in one of its submis sions to the Communist Party leadership — the modern version of imperial-era memorials to the throne.

Evidence of the state's dan gerous weakness, according to Mr Hu, can be seen in the steady erosion of central government revenue.
"If the central government

wants to increase its authority, it must first increase its money," he said.

Beijing's revenues ac-counted for 9.5 per cent of GDP in 1986 but have since dropped to 3.5 per cent — less than the 5.6 per cent received by Belgrade on the eve of Yu-goslavia's civil war. independence campaign in the region, which borders Afghanistan, Pakistan and three mainly Muslim cen-

The emergence of enter-prises like the Success Club illustrates the risks behind such statistics. . "The money secured by the central government cannot

even support our army, warned Mr Hu. "This forces soldiers to go into business to make their own money. No army in the world should be allowed to do business. Money must come from the government. If it doesn't, corruption in the army will grow worse and worse.

Tomorrow: the changing



Quening for aid . . . North Korean farmers in Unpa county, 90 miles south of Pyongyang, wait in line to receive Red Cross supplies of rice and vegetable oil. The relief organisation yesterday launched an appeal for £3.5 million worth of aid to avert famine and help the victims of last year's floods, which left more than 500,000 people homeless. However, Korth Korean officials insist there is no problem in feeding, clothing and housing the people.

# Hostage mystery deepens

OR months, they had been all but forgotten. But the confessions of a jailed guerrilla leader have badly shaken the complacency of Indian officials and caused genuine constant the factor of the factor.

cern about the fate of the four Western hostsges in Kashmir. Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, both Britons, Donald Hutchings, an American, and Dirk Hasert, a German, have rarely commanded the attention given to Western hostages in Lebanon during the 1980s. Now 11 months (on June 4) after they were seized at gunpoint during a trekking holiday. Indian officials can

not agree whether they are head or dead. "This whole thing is very

mystifying," a senior official said. "We really don't know what to think." Ever since his capture in Srinagar 2 month ago, the Pakistani guerrilla leader, Naseer Ahmed Sodozey, has een questioned repeatedly by intelligence, army, and border-security officials as well as Kashmiri police, the FBI, Scotland Yard and West-

evidence either to support or to disprove Naseer's claim that the four tourists were ex-ecuted on December 13 last year and secretly buried in the forest near Magam, an isolated hamlet in the Anantnag district.

Naseer's confessions, which have not been consistent, have also become entangled in the ongoing rivalry be-tween various branches of the

August. While Indian intelligence and military officials have between various branches of the security apparatus.

Local police in Anantnag, return, local police say they

Officials cannot agree whether those being held in Kashmir are alive or dead

ligence about the four tourists, are unwilling to admit that they may have got it wrong. But the fact remains that there has been no sign of the four men for months. Naseer claimed he learnt of the killings in January from two gummen who had been guarding the tourists, but

were not present, when they were allegedly killed.

who were most closely believe they are still alive involved with collecting intel- But there has been no hard evidence that the hostages are safe since November, and the kidnappers broke contact with the outside world soon after a telephone call to the British High Commission in

left the valley last autumn -

cution. Their departure fol-lowed a dispute between local

and Kashmiri members of al-

Faran — the group which has claimed the kidnapping — over the beheading of a fifth

Norwegian hostage last

At first, officials were not especially disturbed by the long silence, although it broke an earlier pattern dur-ing which there were several cast further doubt on his claim, telling the Guardian

During a routine raid in Srinagar on April 27 Naseer, the financial chief of the Har-kat ul-Ansar, the group be-lieved to be the parent of al-Faran, fell into the police net. What surprised his Kashmirl interrogators was that Naseer volunteered informahad not been questioned

about the four men in the first

Officials say Naseer was en-trusted with channelling money from Harkat's backers in Pakistan to its fighters in a spell as group commander. Both roles would have en-sured he knew what the kidnappers were doing, al-though he claims to have fallen out of favour with the Harkat leadership in recent

As for the organisation it-self, it has declined to comment on Naseer's revelations. A curiew was placed on separatist leaders and on arts of Srinagar ahead of voting today in the Kashmiri capital and other areas in the final round of India's general elections. Separatists have threatened to retaliate against Kashmiris who ignore the call to boycott the





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## First get the meat right

Food safety is the key to solving the beef crisis

NOBODY seeking to solve Britain's beef urgently and publicised more energeticrisis would choose to start the task cally than it has been. from here. More than two months after the start of the crisis, British policy remains in disarray. Initiatives that should have been taken have been ignored altogether, inadequately implemented or lamentably explained. Much else has been mishandled. If anyone wanted an illustration of the manifold wanted an illustration of the manifold perils of imperfect policy making, this crisis provides them all.

Nevertheless, here is where we are, and here is a bad place to be. There may be every conceivable reason for attacking the Government for having got us here, but its failings do not absolve others from trying to plot a coherent course out of the shambles. There is a need to answer the question: if you were put in charge of beef policy today, what would you do?

Here is a possible framework. First, you would focus every energy on the real issue — food safety — and not impale the policy on secondary questions, however important, such as the international beef trade. Getting the meat right is the key to everything else, and you would start by recognising that we are still getting it wrong. One way of changing that is by slaughtering every single cow in the country, but this would quite literally be overkill. There is no economic or moral case for such a policy, and there is no scientific case

That does not mean that there should be no culling policy at all. But it should be an efficient policy not an inefficent one. Its overriding purpose must be to isolate and destroy the danger to public health, which means removing cattle of such an age that their risk of infection is high, and removing all those which are otherwise shown to be at quantifiable risk of being infected. Having settled that this was the most efficient cull policy, it should be organised more

But the real initiatives, all of which should have been taken long ago, are in quality control. Cattle should be tagged, in order to ensure that each affected animal can be located and accounted for Haying tagged the animals it would for. Having tagged the animals, it would then be possible to isolate a large number of genuinely BSE-free herds, according to agreed criteria, whose meat and other beef products can be passed as genuinely risk-free. Slaughterhouse regulation enforcement should be conspicuously increased and improved, again on the basis of recognised standards, providing a further public guar-antee. All beef feed and all beef-derived enhanced and effective food hygiene monitoring service should be estab-lished, independent of producer interests and government, a public watchdog enabling consumers to weigh their own

choices and make their own decisions. All of this takes time, and none of it is easy. There are no simple routes out of a complex crisis such as this. Given the international situation in the beef industry, none of these measures should be adopted unilaterally. Nor should the industry expect that the transformation can be achieved overnight. Some of these measures have already been discussed, others have been adopted, a few have been implemented. But speed and cohesion of effort have been absent. There have been hesitations and inconsistencies and a failure to prepare and explain. Even efficiently implemented, this intensified regulatory approach would probably fail to satisfy some foreign governments. But it would offer a scientifically coherent path for public policy and, over time, it is the route which Britain and its allies should



REPORTS over the past fortnight that come a time when a future Scottish the Labour Party is thinking of ditching parliament finds itself impelled the so-called "tartan tax" have been towards raising extra taxes (and if it is, authoritatively denied. But that is not income tax is not necessarily the only quite the end of the matter. Labour is clearly apprehensive that the pledge to them). But that time is certainly not give tax-raising powers to the proposed Scottish parliament may now be ebbing into a vote-loser. Tony Blair and his lieutenants have not yet made a final decision about how to play the issue at the general election, but it is increasingly likely that Labour will go for a compromise: retain the powers, but pledge not to exercise them during the first four-year term of the new

parliament

If this is indeed to be Labour's policy it is the right one, even if the shift is likely to provoke much criticism from supporters and opponents alike. Taxraising powers have an entirely legitimate place in any effective system of devolution. If you give nations or regions the power to rule themselves. they should also have rights to raise revenue. It would therefore be wrong of Labour to scrap the powers, especially as many Scots see their inclusion as a ·litmus-test of the seriousness of the latest devolution package, after so many previous disappointments. The Scots should have the power to raise their own revenue, and so should any other part of the country which votes for and meets the other tests for

regional government. Yet to have the powers is not the

or the best basis on which to raise now. Britain has not even begun the process of devolution from Whitehall and Westminster. There are huge steps to be taken before the question of raising taxes is in any real sense relevant. For Labour to commit itself now to raising revenue in two or three years time is nonsensical posturing. It is far more principled to say that the powers will be created, while pledging that they will not be used in the first term of the devolved parliament.

Labour's opponents (and some supporters) will seize on any change of policy to make points which cannot be dismissed. It is not very flattering for Labour, apparently so strong in Scottish politics, to shift its ground on an issue so close to its heart. It is a tribute to the fact that the much-derided Michael Forsyth is actually a more effective politician than his enemies admit. And if Mr Blair can be shifted on tax, is he really as solid as he seems in asserting that the West Lothian question can be ignored? The Conservatives will not be the only ones to ask what else Labour is prepared to shed. Nationalists will see the move as proof that Labour will betray the cause when the going gets tough. Labour may have chosen the right policy, but it will not same as to use them. There may well have an easy ride for doing so.

## Mixing in the wrong company

The president is tarnished again by Whitewatergate

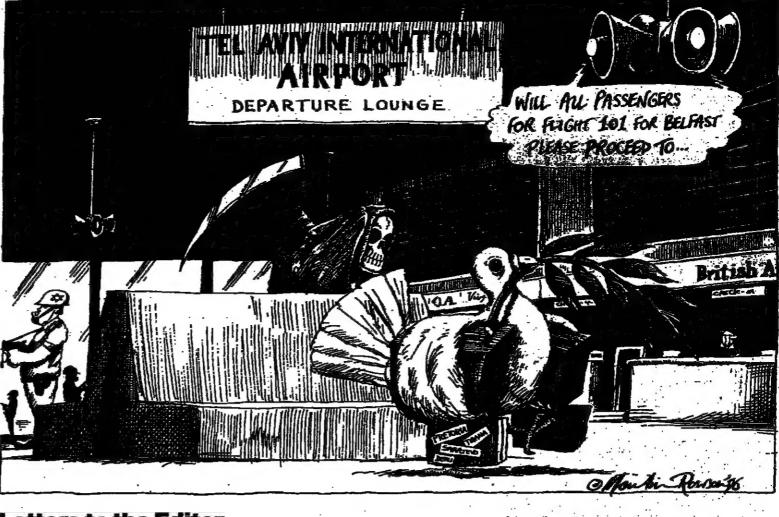
BILL CLINTON REGRETS ... that | allegation, made by a banker found three former business partners of his guilty of illegal practice, that, as gover-are crooks. Of course, he is not chall nor, he had lobbled for an improper lenging the verdict: it is just on a personal level that he is "very sorry for Republican opponents (not Mr Dole Governor (Jim) Tucker and Jim and who remains sanctimoniously above it Susan McDougal."

Very sorry — that they committed fraud, or that they did not get away with it, or that he ever got involved, or that it is happening in election year? As with the rest of this affair, including all the extra bits from bimbos to suicide via the sacking of travel agents, nothing | But the Clintons are only mired more is entirely clear. But if anything can save the fortunes of presidential challenger Bob Dole, it is the new impetus | partners for their unfortunate land vennow given to Whitewatergate by Tuesday's verdict in Little Rock.

No one should be held entirely responsible for his or her friends, but this | most small-town politicians get tangled goes a long way beyond accidental en- up with people who are slightly dubitanglement. Mr Clinton's testimony ous. Perhaps, but they don't all go on to was not central: he was denying the become president of the big country.

loan to one of the defendants. But all) can now crow that the jurors preferred the evidence of a convicted felon.

The complexities of Whitewater need a very large flowchart to explain. As one Republican consultant said cheerfully yesterday: "The public doesn't understand the issue or what went on." deeply by the confusion. Whatever the details, they certainly chose the wrong ture in the Ozarks near the yet more unfortunately-named Crooked Creek. Their best defence appears to be that



Letters to the Editor

## Whether breast is best How reconciliation between the

FIE breast versus bottle summary used to illus-trate your article on the possible contamination of baby milk by phihalates read strangely (The 5-million-ton plastic peril in food, May 28). You could summarise the pros and cons of sexual intercourse versus artificial insemmake babies by pointing out that the traditional method, though natural and designed for the purpose, also has the downside of being "potentially painful or embarrassing to do", is "affected in quantity and possible quality by tiredness, stress and diet", and is difficult for other people to help with. You might not be surprised if people decided not to bother.

Breast-feeding (like sex) is a lot less fuss than the modern alternative but, in the right circumstances, is a source of intense pleasure and intimacy for both partners.

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HE focus of your piece on breast-feeding mothers placed. By the time their mothers return to work, the been breast-fed for some breadwinner.

I work as a lecturer in a bigel Blake.

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Nigel Blake.

Petersham Avenue, breast milk at six weeks, tract which pays full pay for byfleet, Surrey KT14 7ffy.

Eine kleine . . .

N the furore over the use of Beethoven's version of Schiller's Ode to Joy for foot-

ball matches (Pass Notes,

May 28), no one seems to have

"It is to the interest of the English nation that the au-

thority of Parliament and the

now, in spite of the measure

of too tyrannical ministers."

Derek Heater. 3 The Rotyngs Rottingdean, Brighton BN2 7DX.

mothers who give up breast-feeding do so because they "did not have enough milk" which is by no means the simple reason it appears to be.
Ignorance, lack of confidence in breast-feeding and interference with the natural process over the years has meant-that women have lost the skills and knowledge their great-grandmothers "took in with their mothers' milk". The negative image of breast-feeding is fostered by com-

Mothers who breast-feed need more than just improved working conditions and longer maternity leave. They need information and support to make their own decision on how to feed their babies and continued information and support, whatever their choice

ments such as those in your

Barbara Francis. 52 Avondale Road, Wolverhampton WV6 0AJ.

ULLY breast-feeding a beby to wearing is almost incompatible with full-time employment in Britain in the 1990s, which is a pity if the mother, as in one in six house-

while 14 weeks is given as a the first four weeks of mater-return-to-work date. Most nity leave, 90 per cent for the nity leave, 90 per cent for the next two weeks, and 50 per cent for the remaining 12 weeks. As the sole breadwinner in my family, I returned to work when each of my two children was six weeks old. I returned home every day at lunchtime and every evening at 5pm, sometimes returning to work between 7pm and 9pm, to breast-feed each child until both were fully weaned. I was totally exhausted.

No one is asking for "special pleading" for breast-feeding mothers who are also employees — just conditions of service that recognise that workers are also family members with domestic responsibilities as well as employment-based ones, and who go to work in order to feed their families rather than have their families feed the greedy demands Name & address ssupplied.

COMPARE government policy on baby milk and education, with particular reference to parental choice. As to education, "only you" can possibly know what is best for your child. On the question of whether you are poisoning your baby, you have no need

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# May 28), no one seems to have recognised that the Government itself has a powerful motive for censoring this work. Schiller was inspired to write his poem after reading Saint-Pierre's project for a European union. The Abbé believed England would bemefit from membership because "It is to the interest of the What little boys should be made of

SYMPATHISE with Kevin Post (Letters, May 24) for his unhappy childhood, but havpresent constitution of gov-ernment should always be preserved in the state it is ing brought three sons to happy and successful man-hood I would suggest to him that "toughening up" is no answer. The child who has many friends will not be bulmany friends will not be bul-lied. He will be secure, caring, popular and fun to be with. With these strengths behind him, bullying will not occur. Being a "macho man" is more likely to lead to violence than DURING the last war Brit-ish propaganda used the opening theme of Beethoven's prevent it. Jeane Pearce.

opening theme of seemover's Fifth Symphony, with its rhythm beating out V (for victory) in Morse code, as a symbol of the Allies' determination to liberate Europe. In 28 Melrose Road, that much greater crisis, a much more powerful govern-ment was not put off by Bee-thoven's ethnic origins, and

he became the composer who good fortune (or skill) to bowl both of them out in quick suc-cession. After this, they represented freedom.
J Douglas.
1 Oldfield Close, Bickley, sented freedom. Bromley, Kent BR1 2LL. Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed

etters, and a telephone nur We may edit letters: shorter

London SW19 3HG. REMEMBER how I dealt with two bullies in my class. During a cricket match, I was put on to bowl and had the treated me with more respect. There must be many ways of getting your own back while also "playing the game".

FA Beal.

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WHEN my son was bullied.
I spoke to the aggressive by in a civil manner and to his parents. His father expressed gratitude that I had been clear, yet supportive of his son. Our combined action enabled the behaviour of an unhappy adolescent boy to be kindly but strongly addressed. My victimised son was relieved, the bully was relieved, and no one was called relieved, the bully was relieved, two sets of parents were able to be mutually supportive, and no one was called "wimp". Children, young people and adults deserve strong and intelligent emotional support from adults, Andrea Foxwell. The Avenue, Brampford Speks, Exeter EX5 5DW.

BULLIES are the pathetic ones, not the so-called wimps. It is part of an imma-ture, macho culture that glo-ries in violence à la Mike Tyson. People should be taught to express themselves in more constructive ways.

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#### ones are more likely to appear. Tough words demand tougher sentences

**■**OUR article on sentencing policy (Outlook, Msy 25) asked "Is this the way we want it?". No, of course it isn't. We want a clean, comfy existence. However, we don't live over the rainbow; we live with rising neighbourhood

Criticism, or whingeing, is the chattering classes' lara-tive, but it doesn't solve the on one witness's account, and problem. Your article offered complaints, no solutions, and no concern whatsoever for victims of crime.

How would you feel to know that the defendant had a

How would pou feel if you prior conviction for the same were single, female, walking offence (inadmissible evihome at night on a well-lit res-

pounced on by four men? | the next two years, which he They grab you, then the bag, and mercifully opt for the bag. You call the police, you're hustled into a patrol car and you see one of the assailants.

How would you feel, after missing a third day of work, seeing the judge convinced by the defence that it would be an

dence) but escaped jall on con- A Fernandez.

clearly did? If they had jailed him the first time, none of the above would have occurred He will do it again. To another woman. While the Guardian whines about building prisons.

Boot camps, prison or reha-bilitation do not guarantee that criminal behaviour will be curbed; but all have had some success. They are a collective effort working toward controlling a problem. In the meantime, prison, even for a short time, gets them out of

the neighbourhood.

# parties can ease the divorce

prove the bill throughout its

remaining stages.
The Government's willing

ness to respond positively is crucial to the creation of leg-

islation capable of delivering

a sensible and family-friendly divorce process. The opportu-

nity to move towards this principled objective, rather than party political consider-ations, will determine

whether or not Lebour votes against the Family Law Bill

WHILE politicians squabble, realign and

continue to suffer. The bill may now be flawed because of

delays, but its implementa-tion can still reduce this suf-

fering. Any short-term politi-

cal gain from the erosion and

the possible destruction of the

many children, of the chance

Family Mediation Scotland.

of a protected future. Gay Cox.

at third reading.

Paul Boateng MP. Labour Legal Affairs

Spokesperson.

House of Commons

London SWIA DAA

ABOUR did not vote for, or | these and other legitimate concerns about the workability process of divorce to 21 | ity of the mechanisms prosupport, the extension of the process of divorce to 21 months in many cases, as your leader suggests (A div-orce bill to embrace, May 25). On the contrary, I expres our reservations as to the additional three months proposed by the Tory dissidents in committee and, in a free vote, both I and the over-whelming majority of Labour members voted against the extension of the 12-month period to 18 months when this was debated on the floor of the House.

We cannot be expected to give the Government uncon-ditional support for a bill that unnecessarily protracts the process of divorce. This can only do harm to children, the parties themselves and any new relationships they may score points over the Family Law Bill reforms, divorce continues to happen — and, if it is handled badly, children

have formed. Your call for Labour to "embrace" the Family Law Bill is misguided and over-hasty. In its present form, the bill fails to provide adequate protection for the victims of domestic violence and the in-terests of children. The Women's Aid Federation of England refers to the "serious problems and dangers which women and children escaping orce process if the bill goes through in its present form". The NSPCC has stated that

127 Rose Street,

the bill in its current form works "against the best inter-ests of children".

We shall, in the light of Edinburgh EH2 4BB.

South Lane,

#### The preferred face of Labour

to those of us in the constitu-ency of Bethnal Green and Bow, the last safe Labour seat in London to select its Labour Party candidate. It has been rumoured that

senior Labour Party figures do not welcome the possibility of a Bengali candidate in this constituency, and might sus-pend the selection procedure,

End, are looking to the party to support Tony Blair's com-mitment that he is "keen to make it possible for more make it possible for more Constituency Labour Party.

Asian people to come through 1 Bloomfield Road, Moseley, and represent constituencies,

YOUR report (PM slams eth-nic mix in Commons, May 29) was of particular concern (Cilr) Michael Keith. London Borough of Flat B, 20 Batty Street, London B1 1RH.

CONTRARY to what he says, Tony Blatr is preventing Asian people coming through the parliamentary selection process. Fifteen months ago, Labour suspended four Birmingham con-stituency Labour parties, with predominantly Asian popula-tions, and removed their right to select election candidates.

As a result, Birmingham, with its large black and Asian population, is likely to be represented in the next parila-ment by all-white MPs. Tony Blair should reopen these parties and allow parliamentary selections to happen. Kevin Scally.

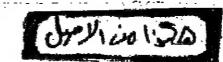
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#### **A Country Diary**

Northern Naturalists' Union. celebrating 80 years of exis-tence, held the first of its four annual field meetings this month. These are more than an exploration of the local flora and fauna. They're also welcome opportunities for old friends to exchange observa-tions for, as most naturalists will testify, much of the plea-sure in finding something rare comes from telling friends about it. So the conversation ranged over red cowalips, merlins, colonies of yellow star of Bethlehem and recollections of the portion recollections of the nesting attempts of feral Himalayan whistling thrushes in wood-lands nearby. It finally gave me the opportunity to spread the news of a hoopoe at Harperley Banks, that had arrived with the swallows in April and provided wonderful views as it dust-bathed raised and lowered its pink crest, and picked insects off dandelion

SNOWHOPE CLOSE: The uralist and film-maker George Wall, took us over some of the wilder pastures in Weardale, 1,000 feet above sea level, and our first discovery was a clutch of four curlews eggs on the point of hatching. One chick had just pecked through the shell and was about to force its way out. Spring is always late here, but this year is exceptional. When we descended into Horsley Burn we found birch trees just struggling into leaf and a ground flora of violets, celandines, wood sorrel, golden saxifrage and primroses reminiscent of late March rather than mid-May. Passing through weather-beaten Snowhope farm George pointed out two magnificent specimen larches - the largest trees in the windswept landscape. "They say there used to be three," he told us, "but the third one died after the farmer hung himself from it." No wonder, if the growing season then was as heads, just a few yards from a short as this one is likely to spellbound audience. Today's be. walk, led by local farmer, nat-

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Matthew Norman

AM concerned by an article in the Spectator by Anne McElvoy, its deputy editor. Writing about the Spartan approach to socialising she has discerned within New Labour, Miss McElvoy concludes by saying that she is less gloomy about this than she was a fortnight ago. This is was a fortnight ago. This is down to my old friend Mandy Mandelson. While out walking with Mandy one night after a conference, she reports that "we found ourselves drawn by the intoxicating sounds of a local discotheque". Good God. "Before long we were, though I say it myself," writes Miss McElvoy, "the John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John of the gathering." Good grief. This is where it gets a bit steamy. "The member for Hartlepool's taut thigh muscles," she goes on, "were locked behind mine as we flung this way and that." Mandy's lissomness on the dance floor is no surprise (his grandfather Herbert Morrison was a famously superb ballroom dancer), but the possibility of scandal is worrying. Does Miss McElvoy's husband, Martin

OLLOWING praise of Dame Jill Knight's contribution to the embryo debate (she pointed out that making a ple from pastry deep-frozen for over six months is very hard), a letter arrives from the Churchill Press. "What is wrong," asks Heather Raybould, "with being a humble backbencher?" Absolutely nothing — espe-cially when that humility stretches to writing a book celebrating your myriad tri-umphs in the role. This Dame Jill has done, and a copy of About The House ac companies the letter. It may very well replace Major, Major as Book of the Month

Ivens, deputy editor of the Sunday Times, know about

Mandy's taut thighs? And

what on earth does he make

HE DIARY is disappointed at the nation-alistic fervour produced by certain papers since war broke out last week . . . It hasn't gone nearly far enough. No one has addressed the problem of highly placed German spies. According to the Directory of Westminster and Whitehall, 27 MPs admit to worrying one being Sir Teddy Taylor. Could that ranting Eurosceptic per-sona actually be a fiendish Hun façade? Significantly, when we called yesterday, a woman said "he has gone abroad". Abroad? Isn't that where the foreigners live? Perhaps he is hiding in Schloss Von Taylor, deep in the Bavarian forest, fearful of internment on the Isle of Man should be ever return.

OAD rage arrived in Rio at the weekend. An amorous young couple who engaged in some snogging at traffic lights caused a 10-mile tailback became interlocked.

N Marie Claire maga-zine, rightwing political activist Andy Wigmore appears in a feature in which people are reunited with their first loves. "I've changed a lot since then . . . I'm more sensitive," says Andy, confessing to having been a bit of a rat when he dumped Gayle for a colleague 11 years ago. What he forgets, though, is that two years ago he offered his body for a knock-down £100 to a female Sunday tabloid reporter investigating male prostitution. "Sex has a dif-ferent meaning now." says Andy in Marie Claire. "Intimacy is far more impor-tant." Abe.

NEW car sticker bas been spotted on the roads of Montana, which is home state to the Unabomber suspect and to all those disaffected madup the government. It says: "At least our cows aren't mad."

HE investigation into the Portland Thistle hotel in Manchester, which barred the entry of two non-resident friends of the Diary at 11.30pm, invoking the Fire Protection Act (1971), has taken a surpris-ing twist close to deadline with a call from PR person Julia "Off The" Record. There will be a full report

IT'S THE BOSS'S GOLD -



# The eccentric art of being British now

## Commentary

#### Hugo Young

PRIME casualty of the European war is the greatness of Brit-ain. I don't refer, for the British PRIME casualty of these purposes, to British power but to the meaning of Britishness. It is being appropriated and perverted by those who make the Union Jack their political stock-intrade. Daily it grows more narrow and self-referential. Its most feverish expression is not in politics, where Brit-ain has its back to the wall and can scarcely pretend to any real power, but in cul-ture. More and more, we're invited to exalt British values and icons that depict a country revelling in its inwardness, wallowing in heri-tage, and proudly flaunting a grim-faced self-regard against the defiling hordes of continentals.

We're in a period when only history seems to matter, a condition Britain is periodi-cally prone to, but which now a condition Britain is periodically prone to, but which now deflating jokeyness through burns with particular inten-

then's knowledge of detailed history is sketchler than it has ever been, but that's another story. In general, the past is not another country, and we don't do things differently here. The rejection of ently here. The rejection of Europe requires, it seems, the narrowing of nation, and with it a spreading stigma on mo-dernity in all its forms.

dernity in all its forms.
Yet all is not quite lost.
Mike Leigh's new film, Secrets And Lies, is at one level
the quintessence of Britishness. It could only have been
made here, only explored the
tensions of a British family.
The bourgeois anxiety of
Monles is nurs Scots well. The bourgeois anxiety of Monica is pure Scots prig-gery, uprooted to London. Cynthia, the confused, pa-thetic mother-figure, could exist, in her specifics, nowhere else. This is a film, created with astounding pre-cision and acted to perfection, especially by Timothy Spall and Brenda Blethyn, that's hewn out of the soul of the island race. kland race.
Yet it is a rebuke to the all

devouring vogue for reaction-ary Britishness. It has no trace of postalgia about it falls into none of the catego ries most commonly associated with our defining cul-tural brilliance. There's no

party talks. John Hume and, below,

sity. This coincides with the | arch parochialism under discovery that British chil | mines all messages about the mines all messages about the And Lies is a film of universal power. In that sense, its Brit-ishness is accidental. Like Trainsporting, it may not be a "better" film than Sense And Sensibility, Charlots Of Fire or The Lavender Hill Mob. But it asserts that the most ture need not be confined to escapes from sometimes ugly moderalty. It is artfully con-trived but unflinehingly real. It looks forward and out, not back and back.

This is the only way great art is made. Nostalgia never made a masterplece. Narcis-sism and nostalgia, encroach-ing again as the British paralysis, are the enemies of a culture anyone can care about. There were many ways to watch Andrew Graham-Dixon's brilliant series on the history of British art, which has just finished on BBC2. One of them, you could say, was as a history in pictures of British Euro-scepticism, beginning with the destruction of Catholic art perpetrated by the Reformation and continu-ing with repeated proofs of what Graham-Dixon, in his unfailingly helpful book-ofthe series, calls the "irrepress ible, visorous eccentricity at

Today Northern Ireland goes to the polls to choose who will represent it soon at all

are in the English cricket team a fact which complicates the diagnosis of modern patri-otism and should teach a les-son to those who want to see it corralled into the past they can't stop trying to protect. Equally, British art became rold of power whenever, as in the Victorian era, it was lust-ing after history, real or imag-

ined. Graham-Dixon calls the pre-Raphaelites "pathologi-cal" in this respect. The Bru-ish disease they exemplified grew out of two afflictions: a lack of "consuming moral and emotional conviction" and "a More ethnic

strains in British art than in the English cricket team chronic inclination to subside into a tame and soft com-liance with gentuel taste".

have been innovators and boat-rockers: solitary geniuses, Stubbs and Turner chief among them, whose pas-sion was for incautious cre-ation that made its own rules. British art roday, although at the forefront of interna-tional esteem, sometimes seems as empty and self-refer-ential as the definition of Britishness which the reactionar-ies themselves insist on. But suasive case for Damien Hirst. in the vanguard of modernism | own wrinkly navel.

modity. The words it brings to mind are retreat, cul-de-sac, escape, exclusion, compla-cency, closed doors; along with more directly political manifestations such as aggres-sion, jingoism and, let's face

it, xenophobia.

The latest cultural target the political machine is closing in on is the design (a foreigner's, of course) for the ex-tension to the Victoria & Albert Museum, To judge from the photographs, this promises to deliver an arresting, beautiful, modern shock to a structure that deserves revitalising. The regiment of philistines, the Prince of Wa-les's Own, did not wait one day to start condemning it out of hand. The best of British never was like that. The old art and the newest film show it. Britishness reaches out and gathers in. The redemptive moment in Secrets And Lies, when both the secrets and the lies are blown apart, is achieved with the reception into the family of the black stranger, the newest and most optimistic personification of

Britishness. True Bruishness is not all of the above, retreat and ven-geance and the rest, which is what the sceptic right increasingly makes it look like. It is open and unatraid. In its painty days, it always em-braced the modern world, didn't run away from it. What it's in danger of becoming is the lowest common denominator of a society gazing with sentimental deflance at its

John Taylor appeal for honesty

Jonathan Freedland

Watergate. The names sound similar, the charges look vaguely alike: arrogance of power, obstruction of justice, a cover-up orchestrated from the White House. One day, they dream, Whitewater will do to Clinton what Watergate did to Nixon — drive him out of office in disgrace. But Whitewater has always lacked Watergate's magic in-gredient: a crime everyone

> convictions on Clinton's for mer business chums — Jim and Susan McDougal, and the current governor of Arkan-sas, Jim Guy Tucker — they gave the press and Republi-can critics the shorthand they craved: the President was once in cahoots with con-victed felons. Whitewater

> turning point by Republicans and journalists - both hungry for something to pre-vent Clinton coasting to a dull victory against Bob Dole in November. The President's chief tormentors now claim vindication. "It says to the American people there were some crimes committed," crowed Republican operative

> At first glance the verdicts spell disaster for the President. They have given a new lease of life to Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who had faced criticism that, as a committed Republican, he was pursuing a political vendetta against the White House. Under fire himself for conflicts of interest, Starr has now succeeded in convicting Clinton's friends in Clinton's home state - persuading the jury to ignore the videotaped testimony of the President, who served as the defence's

With fresh momentum. Starr can now move closer to inquiry. This ranges from al-legations that White House aides sought to meddle in the When she denies firing the white House travel staff in 1993? How did legal records sought by investigators for more than two years appear in the Clintons' private residence in January? Does something to hide? It is too tainted to be a credible source.

All this will take plenty of time and Clinton should be just fine. Although, as Richard in the Clintons' private residence in January? Does something to hide?

# rebuke to the conventional wisdom about Britishness. British art has never been purely British at all its most formative figures, the series showed, were two Europeans, Holbein and van Dyck, whose influence: stretched through two censures. There are even more ethanc strains in the history of British art than there are in the Euclish cracket. While trying to re-connect with the transmuting of Britishness, into the worship of nostalgita is a frightening experience. It's a political happening. Political reaction is married to cultural reaction in a way that has become almost predictable. Britishness, in this sense, is a dismal commodity. The words it brings to



have longed for Whitewater to be

can understand. On Tuesday, that changed. The moment an Arkansas jury heaped multiple fraud may lack a simple crime, but it now has criminals,

That has been hailed as a

Most damaging is Starr's promise to keep looking into Whitewater's murkiest aspect the 1993 suicide of Vince Foster, the deputy White House counsel who had key papers stashed in his office.

If the Arkansas Three had all been acquitted, these ques tions may well have disap-peared. Instead they will remain on the public radar screen — in another trial next month, in the Senate probe set to conclude in a formight. and in the media. Whitewater is now guaranteed to be the background noise of the 1996 campaign.

But background noise it might remain. For Clinton's

prospects are not that bleak. Admittedly, the verdicts allow Dole to keep playing the character card against him Latest Republican TV ads again cast the President as a avoldance of military duty in Vietnam. A proven past of ethically challenged deal-making in the go-go eighties fits with that image nicely. But the character issue is a cause Clinton has fought it twice before and won. In the Democratic primaries of 1992, the worst dirt surfaced swiftly: revelations of an af-fair with Gennifer Flowers; written proof of an effort to dodge the draft; and the first account of Whitewater. Clin-

ton won the nomination

ND in the main elec-tion. George Bush spoke of honesty and trust and cited a "pattern of deception" in his opponent. Bush lost. The American people learned long ago that Bill Clinton is no choirboy and voted for him anyway. All of the worst charges have been levelled already - if only as rumours — and most voters probably believe they're true. Yet polls still show support for Clinton. Witness the statements of several jurors yesterday, who said the President had been a "very credible" witness, whose testimony had merely been outweighed by the crate-loads of incriminating docu-

The chief Republican problem now is novelty. The par-ty's only hope of maintaining interest is if they can produce a whole new accusation that nails Clinton with a specific and comprehensible crime.

The chances seem slim.
The immediate risk for the Clintons is that other targets the Clintons as he steps up of the Starr inquiry try to save their skins by testimony in return for immunity or a reduced sentence, Susan McDougal, who federal investigation of the is facing 17 years in jail, may land deal to some of well be tempted, and she has Whitewater's juiciest questions: is Hillary Clinton lying band, with mental problems, when she denies firing the is too tainted to be a credible

# Take off the blindfolds

Irish governments now have a responsibility to put the search for a political agreement back on track after the diversions of the last few

The role of the governments is crucial. Although they cannot create agreement, they can create the conditions in which agreement becomes possible. They cannot impose negotiations on anyone but they can make it possible and desirable for everyone to pardesirate to everyone a participate. It is up to them to agree a framework for talks which takes account of the legitimate interests of all sides. This would be based on one essential principle: any participant can put any issue on the table for discussion, but no participant has an automatic right to satisfac-tion before serious negotiations have taken place. The British and Irish governments will, hopefully, con-clude such an agreement

gent small minority of back-benchers were to take advantage of parliamentary arithmetic to place yet more obstacles on the path to peace. The Republican movement also has a vital role to play in re-invigorating the peace pro-cess. That is why I have repeatedly called for a restorepeateny canen for a resto-ration of the IRA ceasefire, the end of which was a bitter blow, especially to the com-munities the Republican movement claims to repre-sent. It was an own goal which has created a political decreasion in communities depression in communities which were beginning to see the possibility of a more normal existence. Even if a relative peace has held, the climate of insecurity

created by the return to vio-lence is a substantial barrier to the political search for agreement. I hope that the ceasefire will be restored clude such an agreement can arrangements can be inshortly. Such an approach
will receive the backing of
most of the citizens in Britain, the Republic and, I am ing is naturally in the politic and arrangements agreed by

Casarrangements can be inposed upon them without matters. They all do. They are
inter-related.

We all welcome efforts by
Unionists to articulate a posi(Alrilit), is published on June 19

torical context. Only then can a suitable formula be found to allow it to be resolved. The demand that de-commissioning takes place first is as unrealistic as the proposal and duty to show the leader that it takes place last. In reality, the de-commissioning issue has to be both part of of post-paranoid politics. issue has to be both part of the confidence-building process and a measure of the advancement of that process. The ultimate object of the process is to remove the gun and the bomb from the politics of Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations. Logically, the arms issue will have to be resolved to the satisfaction of all sides parallel to the talks, as processed in the Mitchell Report. posed in the Mitchell Report The Unionist parties also have an essential role to play. No solution is possible without them, however much and between Ireland and Britsome of their leaders seem to cast doubt on that. No political arrangements can be imposed upon them without their consent. My party and I have consistently argued that

S we approach the talks process after talks process after the British and the British and Irish governments to genuine negotiations. It is not an issue which can be avoided but it can be prevented from grinding the peace process to a halt. The issue has to be a responsibility to would be tragic if an intransifor approval by referendum.

The Unionist parties requested today's election. By tomorrow night, they will have their mandate to enter into negotiations with the representatives of the rest of Ireland. They now have an unprecedented opportunity and duty to show the leader.

> constructive proposals about the relationships in Northern Ireland itself, between North-democratic order. A negotiain in Europe. It is no longer sufficient to pretend that only one of these relationships matters. They all do. They are for Foyle. His book, Personal

course is an essential part of the solution. As the representatives of the majority of the people in all Ireland, the constitutional parties, north and south, have a duty to put forward a political agenda for the next century rather than one rooted in the last.

We have to confront the economic and social problems dependent and post-national-ist world. We have to examine those aspects of our political culture which are outdated and divisive. Above all, we have to work seriously with our fellow citizens, from whom history's violence and ated agreement is within sight — provided everyone takes off their blindfolds.

John Hume, SDLP leader, is MP

#### 600 grans need to escape from poverty and disease There are thousands of elderly people around the world, like Sadia pictured here, who need help. But in the last month alone we have heard of 600 who see in desperate meed. Many of these people are frail and titute. Some are in urgant need of medical attention. Yet most have no families they can turn to for help. And if we don't find 600 sponsors for them soon some of these grave would die. For just over 42 a week, By sponsoring an elderly person in need, you can provide him or her with the basic essentials of life, such as food, clothing and medicines.

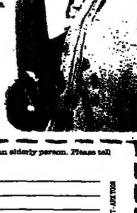
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# We want peace but within the UK sioning, he could not be con-sidered a suitable chairman given his membership of the

HE Ulster Unionist Party is looking forward to entering the talks process. We will be ap-proaching those talks with positive proposals for a new peaceful Northern Ireland, within the UK, where the population will be able to express fully their many complex identities.

Tomorrow we will know if the pro-Union population has endorsed the radical leadership of David Trimble or whether Dr Paisley has or whether for raisley has jinxed things yet again. The endorsement of Paisley's ap-proach will either leave the Union undefended at the talks table, or encourage

civil servants to bring forward proposals acceptable to the 80 per cent of the electo the 30 per cent of the elec-torate who seek a province secure within the UK.

As Gerry Adams and Mit-chel McLaughlin have stated, their wish is to put

the union between Britain and Northern Ireland on the and Northern Ireland on the table for discussion. Only the votes of the pro-Union electorate can ensure that the principle of consent, agreed to by London and Dublin governments, is upheld. The talks will then proceed whether or not time. ceed, whether or not Sinn Féin is represented, along the three designated strands

tion of Northern Ireland, north-south relationships and the UK-Republic axis. The Uister Unionists seek a devolved administration for Northern Ireland with fair shares for all, a pragmatic, enhanced relationship between Ulster and the rest of the island and an open but close relationship between London and Dublin.

ANY obstacles remain. The primary one is the absence of an IRA ceasefire and agree-ment on early de-commissioning. We will be holding the three designated strands—the internal administra—their commitments on this

point. Unionists of all hues remain sceptical of the good faith of the Dublin government, particularly in rela-tion to those articles of its constitution laying claim to UK territory. They are the real obstacle to an improved relationship between north and south. These are matters for strand two of the talks, to start in 10 days' time. It is remarkable that

London and Dublin have not yet agreed on an independent chairman of these talks. While former US Senator George Mitchell might have a useful role in securing commitments from Sinn Péln/IRA over de commis-

US Democratic Party—
which will be pressured by
pro-Irish Nationalist elements in the run-up to the
US presidential election. But
he will be familiar with the hypocrisy of Sinn Féin's election slogan "Vote for Peace — Vote Sinn Fein". As someone on the Ormeau Road in Belfast scrawled — "Vote Sinn Fein . . . or else".

The Rt Hon John D Taylor, MP for Strangtord, is deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. This concludes our series of Northern Ireland commentaries

# Silencing Mrs Thatcher

working class mu-aders. He was proud of having met every prime minister since Churchill and even managed to silence Mrs Thatcher in Number 10

He had gone to work in the south Yorkshire coalfields at the age of 14 and never grew away from his Rotherham roots. His death while on a family holiday in Blackpool came three weeks after he had retired as leader of Rotherham metropolitan borough council

eader of a major metropolitan place, the mining town of Malthy. He was massively proud of Rotherham — pointng out its mention in the comesday Book — and proud, 00, of working in a pit since 1940. However he never romanticised coal-miners' lives; his two sons were given a good education, encouraged

IR Jack Layden, letters after their name that who has died aged Layden's own generation had cession look like transparent, his control.

| Metropolitan Authorities in VIP 1987 and took the fight for West 200 and took the f

his farewell speeches that his whole life had been spent in reading documents and files brief in local government — his rhetoric was full of hints and allusions that betokened a much wider reading and knowledge of the world. He was a 1950s day-release stu-dent at Sheffield University eager to make up for the schooling he never had.

Although first elected as a councillor in 1953 — a heady time when councils had money to spend on swimming pools and libraries and were considered friends of the both trade union and parlia-mentary politics. He was a local National Union of Mineworkers leader, sitting though publicly loyal his pri-vate admonitions on the leadership of his union in recent years were scornful.

ment fell foul of the Labour selection procedures which,

fruition when he was elected leader of the newly created Rotherham metropolitan borough council in 1973. He was the undisputed master of ics are now pillars of the coun-Rotherham's local politics for two decades, controlling the council with a ruthless bonko-

Beneath the authoritative leader lay a man who had spent the latter part of his life without much power, unable to defend fully the claims of the powerless

To be sure, he avoided the

ing style that conveyed shrewd points in the midst of

worst excesses of politically correct Labour municipal politics and delivered budgets that avoided confrontation lots of folksy humour. To outsiders, the majority in a Labour heartland like with central government. He pioneered the right to buy for council tenants years before it Rotherham — there is today just one Tory councillor out of But factional politics within a politics. His anger over the Labour group can be just as effective as formal opposi-tional politics and Layden's cils into being post-boxes for centralised Whitehall control was very deep. He was elected

local Labour Party protested about what they perceived as Jack, the Prime Minister sat there and listened while he spelt out some home truths. The knighthood came in 1988 along with trips overseas,

audiences with the Pope and the freedom of the City of London. But Rotherham remained his first love. He fought hard against the pit closures and supported the new politics of partnership that have brought together local business leaders, the council and the trade unions in Rotherham and many other Labour boroughs. He was enthused by Europe and fae of the powerless in the work-greater powers that regional place or the community. The and local authorities enjoyed

his family his great love was Rotherham United, the town's second division from the late 1970s onwards was no help to him at all.

At his very last of which he was a director and Millers got to Wembley to win the final of the Auto Wind-

low councillors and the comwithout much power and un-able to defend fully the claims politics of opposition which Labour plunged into from the

At his very last meeting on the day before he retired I heard him call for a four-day of Jack that his last me

Jack Layden . . ; felksy humour

he knew from life, without requiring any think tank to tell him, that a Labour Party that does not tackle mass unemployment may hold office now and then but it will be

out-of-balance working hours | in 1949. She, two sons, and we have in Britain. But then four grandehildren survive

Joseph Mitchell

# An eye on New York's eccentrics

after a brief illness sees the passing of the last (and arguably greatest) pioneer practitioner of that unique form of literary non-fiction originally developed in the New Yorker magazine under the editorship of Harold Ross. As one critic wrote: Journalists arrived in the 1960s, Joseph Mitchell was already on the beach waiting for

It seemed at the time a sevourably ironic coincidence that the moment of Tina the New Yorker editorial chair (a development greeted with a deep distrust by many among the magazine's older staff and readership) also saw the appearance in the New York Times best-seller lists of Up In The Old Hotel; Mitchell's collected works comprising his four best known books: McSorley's Wonderful Saloon (1942), Old Mr Flood (1948), The Bottom Of The Harbor (1960) and Joe Gould's Secret (1965), along with several pieces not previously reprinted. The appearance, and subsequent success of this handsome volume (unaccountably and shamefully unpub-lished in Britain) was entirely worthy of an author whose work embodied absolutely the New Yorker's distinctive traditional virtues. And, notwithstanding that it broke a 27year publishing silence on Mitchell's read ell's part, it enjoyed a critical reception reinforcing a view long held by some that Mitchell was the finest American writer then living.
Mitchell was born into the

farming community of Fair-mont, North Carolina, and arrived in New York City , after university. He was initially hired as a reporter on the New York Herald Tribune by that paper's legendary city editor, Stanley Walker. In the

\*HE DEATH of Joseph | many highly eccentric — who Mitchell at the age of 87 | belonged to what Ross called after a brief illness sees | "low life", and what many of the subjects themselves called "the rough element". A collection of these was published in 1933 as My Ears Are Bent, a book now virtually unobtainregard as ephemeral juvenilia. That year also saw Mitchell's move to the New Yorker where he retained an office until his death. During the 1940s and 1950s he produced the two- or three-dozen pieces which have made him an

His ingredients were inextronising curiosity about his chosen subjects, an absolute genius for listening, and a flavoursome, highly nourishing and their patrons; gypsies; a bearded lady; a man who made a living by giving an annual ball for the benefit of himself the characters and pursuits of the New York waterfront; Mohawk Indian skyscraper workers; "an odd and penniless and unemployable little man" named Joseph Ferdinand Gould who said he was writing a multi-million word "oral history of our

pleasure they give, Mitchell's stories col-Lectively consistently reveal him as a egalitarian, libertarian democrat. In the Author's Note at the begin-Author's Note at the negating of McSorley's Wonderful Saloon Mitchell writes:

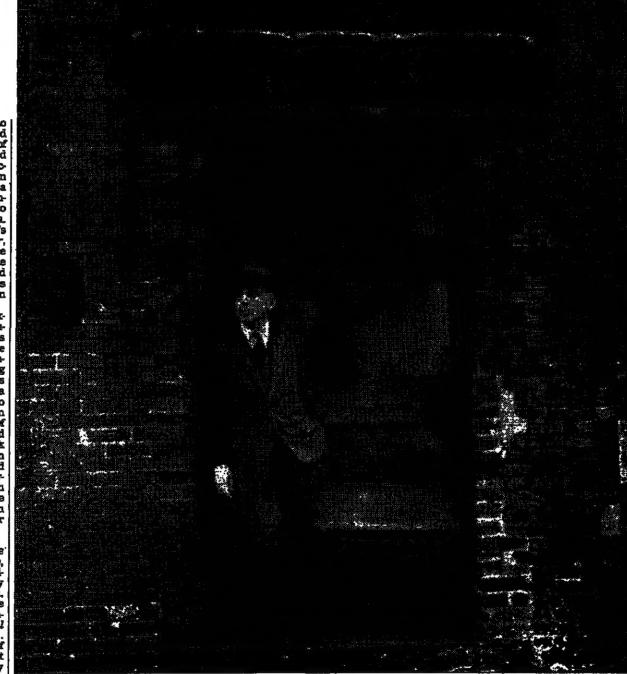
The people in a number of these stories are of a kind that many writers have recently got into the habit of referring to as the 'little people'. I regard this phrase as patronising and repulsive. They are as

among those who knew him, a gracious, courtly man, full of the bemused double-edged shades of scenes and people the bemused double-edged shades of scenes and people a said: "That the World-Telegram where he came to specialise in short interview/profiles of people mind". In later years (and still taken aback by an example of the magazine."

American classic.

word "oral history of time"; and many others.

S WELL as the pure big as you are, whoever you



Joseph Mitchell . . . regarded by some as the finest American writer then living

nearly 70 years in New York City) he often spoke of himself as a living ghost wandering through and around the shades of scenes and people

with a North Carolina drawi his sting-in-the-tail style that remained undiluted after which occurred during one of the last conversations I had with him. While talking affectionately about the late New Yorker editor William Shawn, he said: "That man was truly a saint and I loved him dearly. But the somuvabitch ruined

I have a clear and recurring mental image of Mitchell in which he is wearing his char-acteristic soft snap-brim hat and anonymous three-piece suit, and listening, notebook in hand, while a few of the Serpent's surviving cronies sit around, drinking whiskey and

certainly gone to hell in the Garden of Eden lately. Mitchell's photographer wife, Therese, died in 1980. He is survived by two daughters.

Patrick Carroll

complaining that things have | 25, 1908; died May 24, 1996

#### Jack Wyngaard

London City Ballet. He had a brilliant, fluent technique and a warm and exuberant person-ality which endeared him to

studied with David Poole and Dudley Tomlinson at the University of Cape Town Ballet Club and joined the Capab Ballet Company as a soloist, remaining with them for five spertory. He joined London City Bal-

promoted principal in 1990. Wyngaard's technique was in cheerful, demi-caracters roles. There was his Jester in Romeo And Juliet, Blue Skater in Les Patineurs, Franz in Cop-pelia, and finally Buttons in Matthew Hant's recent Cinder They were all

But he also danced with distinction the part of the romantitle role in Jack Carter's Witchboy --- the role originally

Harry Beckett, jazz musi-

#### Birthdays

cian, 61: Neville Braybrooke, writer, 73; Ray Cooney, actor, author, producer, 64; Harry Enfield, writer, actor and comedian, 35; Peter Ellis, actor, 60; Andrew Farrell, rugby league player, 21; Michael Garrick, jazz pianist, com-poser, 63; The Rt Rev John Gladwin, Bishop of Guild-ford, 54; Christopher Has-kins, chairman, Northern Foods, 59; Richard Hannon, racehorse trainer, 51; Sir David Knox, Conservative MP, 63; Timothy Llewellyn, director, Henry Moore Foundation, 49; Colin Myler, managing director, Daily and Sunday Mirrors, 44; Sir Duncan Nichol, former chief executive, NHS Management Executive, 55; Lord Richard QC, former Labour minister, 64; Bruce Roberts, cricketer, 30; Helen Sharman, Britain's first cosmonaut, 33; Agnès Varda, film writer and director, 68; Clint Walker, actor, 68; Tim Wa-terstone, bookseller, 57; Phillip Whitehead, chair-man Consumers' Association man Consumers' Association, Labour MEP, 59; Bob Willis, cricketer, 47.

worldwide, appearing in He was a dedicated and ver-satile artist and a generous, loyal friend. His sudden death - it was known that he had a weak heart -followed an incapacitated him earlier this year. But friends were cheered that he was making a full recovery when this trag edy occurred. He will be missed.

Mary Clarko

NETTLETOM. Traver, peacetuily on 23rd hary at Northwick Park hospital. He will be greatly missed and always loved by Romanie. His write; daughters Clare and Kim; Este. His mother; his brother Brian and his many triends and colleagues. Fusers at Christohurch, Rosest Hui, Harrow-On-The-Hill on Monday 3rd June at 2pm. Family requests no flowers but donesions to The Brain Tumour Foundation and Cancer Research.

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#### Jackdaw



#### Freebies

MR RHODES had a reservation for seven people at 8.45pm one Friday night. Not until 9.45pm was the Rhodes party seated and there were nine of them. I approached with a friendly greeting, took their cocktail orders, and got the ball rolling. Things pro-gressed in a virtually perfect manner, with drinks, appetizers, salads and more drinks brought, cleared, and refilled at precisely the right

As I helped clear the last of the salad plates, Mr Rhodes motioned me over and said matter-of-factly, "You'd bet-ter get our food out here right

letter." I paused for only a split second, blinked, and said no problem, Sir! I'll bring it right out for you." I turned and went straight back to the kitchen to person ally expedite the main course. One minute later, picking up a tray stocked full, where I ran into none other than Mr Rhodes himself. He had followed me to the kitchen and waited outside.

"You'd better comp [give complimentaries] something or I'm gonna write a letter." "I don't understand," I said "Is something wrong?" "We waited over half an hour for our dinner," the clearly deranged Mr Rhodes said. That is completely unacceptable. Do you know who I

"I'm afraid I don't, Sir." "Well I know Sally at corporate. I know Susie, too. I know all of them and they know me so you'd better comp something or I'm writing a letter." Nothing at all was wrong with the service. But apparently Mr Rhodes perceived the situation dif-ferently. I went to the man-

ger and said the guy was nuts (but then again, he did know Sally and Susie). The manager ended up comping the meal for the entire table, drinks and all.

Later, I learnt that Sally and Susie were indeed familiar with Mr Rhodes. He wrote a letter every month about a different branch of the restaurant. They contin ued to send him gift certifi-cates and assure him that everything would be fine next time. Apparently Mr Rhodes discovered that it was more expeditious to simply threaten to write letters.

This is a potentially valuable resource for the thousands of homeless people. The poor need only to have the willingness to be utter ssholes to eat all they wish of the finest food and drink and pay nothing! Viva La

Solving the hunger problem in

Torturous lies HE found his first job in jour-

nalism, with the Japanese

news agency, Domei. He

spent his spare time studying in the reading room of a local library, which was next door to the headquarters of the Japanese military police. 'And the whole time," he wrote, "from the first turning of the page to the moment the library closed, one heard,

over and over again, the moan, "Have mercy, sir!"... If one heard the sound of chains being pulled, I think veryone knew what was going on in the torture chamber next door: a prisoner was being stretched out on his back and being forced to swal low a bowl of soapy water. A rattling of the chains meant

that the feet of the poor wretch were being shackled. then hoisted above his head as the soapy water came vom iting out of his mouth. Screams accompanied by rattling meant that toe and fingernails were being extracted one by one, very slowly. And if all one heard were sighs and panting gasps, one knew that a stomach swollen with soapy water was being stamped on by rubber soled

feet." After listening to the screams and sighs of the tor-

tured while he read. Pramoeyda would return to the news office at Domei, which in his words, "reported only the victories, the righteousness, and the wisdom of the

Jamie James in the New Yorker describes the begin-nings of Indonesian novelist, Pramoeyda Anonta Toer's writing coreer, which started during the Japanese invasion. Pramocyda is the author of the

#### George's men

1. PHILOSOPHY — Rights are unalienable and are granted by God, not man. He loes not in any way recognize the federal Government. Sov-ereigns often refuse to have tags on their cars. Most do not pay federal income taxes or register to vote. They generally do not participate in any federal government mandate. Many have renounced their citizenship in writing to the Government to clarify

this point. 2. Civil Rights — Under the conception of common law, every Sovereign is responsible for his actions. They create their own law courts, and don't accept the jurisdiction of any other court. Women — A woman has no standing among sovereigns unless she is a single woman. Even then she has no authority to vote, sit on juries or conduct war.

4. Jews - Although not universally antisemitic in the traditional sense of the word

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Media Bypass: citizens' rights | pages of the Golden Dreams

ered an "anti-Esau-Edomite Jew." A common belief is that Jews strive to control the vorld's wealth through the control of commerce. Blacks — A sovereign does

not recognise the citizenship of blacks, because he does not recognise the 14th amendment that made citizens of "all persons born or natural-ized in the United States." 6. Economics — Although fre-quently forced to use them, sovereigns do not recognize Federal Reserve Notes. They generally prefer to trade amongst themselves with gold or silver coin, or barter for goods and services. A few beliefs of the "Freemen"

the radical right American group which claims its sover-eignty originates from the 1783 treaty signed with England's King George, officially terminating the Revolutionary War and transferring the sover-eignty of the King to 'toe the people" of the sovereign state republics. In Media Bypass.

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# Finance Guardian

#### Southern Electric's offer under attack as dawn raid sees water falling its way

# Scottish Power out in the cold

OUTHERN Electric was poised last night to emerge as victor in the bidding war for Southern Water after it launched a £155 million "dawn raid" to buy 10 per cent of the water company's shares and topped a rival bid from Scottish Power with its own £1.6 billion agreed offer.

Brushing aside calls from defeated Tory leadership challenger John Redwood for the bids to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Southern Electric executives were joined in London by Southern Water's chairman and managing di-rector to unveil an offer that values each Southern Water share at £10.13.

The regional electricity company is offering 631p in cash and 382p in new Southern Electric shares for every Southern Water share. There is a cash alternative of 975.7p a share. The power company said its cash and paper offer represented a premium of 7.2 per cent over Scottish

Power's hostile bid.
The bid was accompanied

Micholas Bennister Technology Editor

A NGLIAN Water yester-

Aday played down specu-lation that it would get

drawn into the bid frenzy

in the industry either as

The group, the first to report its annual results,

has ruled out bids for

either water or electricity companies because it be-

lieves it can deliver better

shareholder value by buy-

Mellor said Anglian was

one of the most efficient

water companies and that

hidders were more likely to

Finance director Chris

ing back its own shares.

Pauline Springett

HE controversy over rail

privatisation flared again yesterday when shares in Prism Rail more

than doubled to 205 pence

during their first day of trad-

ing on the Alternative Invest-ment Market.

year franchise to run the so-called "misery line" between

London, Tilbury and South-

end last Sunday.
Last week the group com-pleted an 28 million placing of

61.5 per cent of its shares with

institutions at 100 pence each. Prism's directors, who are a consortium of ex-National

Bus Company executives,

24 million of their own money in shares and their slice of the company, at last night's clos-

ing price, is worth between

The directors invested

have retained the balance.

Prism Rail took over the 15-

£293.9 million on turnover of £1.7 billion. The dividend is increased by 25.2 per cent to 38.3p a share.

William Courtney, Southern Water's chairman, said the board had backed South ern Electric's bid because it offered better value for shareholders. He admitted the offer did not bring additional benefits for customers.

Scottish Power indicated last night that it would bide its time before deciding whether to launch a revised offer. The company condemned Southern Electric's offer as "reactive" and "defensive

lan Robinson, Scottish Power chief executive, accused Southern Electric of accused southern Electric of carrying out a "strategy on the rebound" after failing to merge with Midlands Elec-tricity, failing to buy Sweb, and failing to be taken over by National Power. The Southern hid has "nothing Southern bid has "nothing new for customers and offers the prospect of significant job losses below board level".

There were suggestions in the City that Scottish Power was hoping a US bidder might emerge for Southern Electric, scuppering its plans to buy the water firm. One analyst said Scottish

Anglian share price rise belies bid interest denial

where there was greater scope for improving perfor-mance. "We have not had any approaches," he added.

Three electricity compa-

nies operate in the area covered by Anglian, the biggest of which is Eastern,

Analysts believe, how-

ever, that yesterday's huge jump in Anglian's share

price cannot be put down to

its solid but unspectacular

results. At one point the

group's shares rose 53p, be-fore driffing back to close

'Misery line' operator sees

shares double on first day

others were buying in antici-pation of Prism winning more

rail franchises in the future. Prism is bidding for 14 of

eschewing only Docklands and the Isle of Wight.

Brian Wilson, Labour's rail spokesman, said: "Prism is

purely an operating company without tangible assets of its

own. Its major costs, track ac-cess charges and train leasing are fixed. It is very hard to

see where else the industry's profits are going to come from other than staff cuts and fare

As part of its winning bld,

Prism promised to spend out team, said the stations, including installing automatic ticket barriers to help reduce fare-dodging. The

16 remaining rail franchis

part of the Hanson

by the announcement of a Power would prove less detar-16 per cent rise in Southern mined as it could buy other Electric's underlying profit to water companies, whereas

Southern Electric had to huv its water company neighbour

by combining operations.

Responding to fears of job losses in key Conservative constituencies, executives from the two Southern companies piedged there would be no compulsory redundancies.

But the combined water and electricity group will seek cost savings of £45 mil-lion if the takeover goes through, and although some savings will come from joint billing and computer systems, several hundred jobs are said to be at risk. Southern Water's Worthing headquar-ters is understood to be slated for closure.

Responding to Tuesday's call by Mr Redwood for an MMC referral, Henry Casley, Southern Electric's chief ex-ecutive, acknowledged that political pressure but insisted a referral was unnecessary.

The electricity and water industry watchdogs, Offer's Professor Stephen Littlechild and Ofwat's Ian Byatt, are due to publish consultation papers on the bids today.

Professor Judith Rees.

chairman of Ofwat's Southern customer services committee, called for the bids to be

dend - up 15.4 per cent -end the promise of more to

ome. The board said it in

tended to reduce the divi-

dend cover from 2.7 times earnings to 2 times by the and of the decade.

Mr Mellor said substan-tial cost savings would en-

able the core water busi-

ness to spend an extra

£17 million on measures in-

cluding better water pres sure and reducing the taste

Anglish believes that it would have no problem

Jonathan Bray, co-ordina-tor of Save our Railways, said: "It's no surprise that

Prism's shares are going up when they plan to run fewer services than British Rail and

charge the taxpayer more for doing it."
Under the terms of the fran-chise, Prism will get a sub-

sidy of \$29.5 million in its

first year. This falls to fil 4 million in year 15. The Government yesterday

when it completed the sale of the freight container com-

pany Freightliner to managers in a deal including a

£75 million subsidy.

David Rutherford, manag

ing director of the MCB buy-out team, said the subsidy was given to encourage the use of railfreight carriage in-

of chlorine in tap water.

be "a challenge".

27p up at 599p.
A 3.7 per cent rise to
£238.6 million in pre-fax snother dry winter would

Yesterday's upsurge in the share price indicated that some of the institutions had made a sizeable profit, while others were buring in artist.



Liquid essets...Dairy Crest chairman Mike Dowdall (left) and chief executive John

## Dairy Crest flotation looks less than electric

#### Outlook

Roger Cowe

alised milk company set up by the Milk Mar-keting Board (MMB), will become a public company in a flotation this summer.

Sir Derek Andrews, chair-man of the residual body which is winding up the MMB, said yesterday that flotation was in the best longterm interests of dairy farmers, who ultimately own the company and will receive shares or cash on flotation.
Dairy Crest is expected to

be valued at more than £200 million, and 28,000 farmers will be entitled to up to three-quarters of the shares, worth an average of at least 25,000 each. They will be able to opt for a cash alternative. Cash raised from placing at least 25 per cent of the shares with financial institutions will pay off debts owed to dairy farmers. Details of the

flotation will be revealed in a July prospectus. Dairy Crest accompanied the flotation announcement with results for 1995/96, which showed a surge in profreorganisation costs. Pre-tax profits rose by more than two-thirds to 237 million, on sales of £750 million which were almost 10 per cent lower.

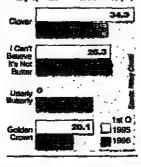
The previous year's profits had been hit by the cost of making the company ready for flotation, but even at the operating level, profits were shead by almost a fifth. Yet the finance director, Ian

Laurie, admitted the com-pany faced "some very competitive trading conditions". Doorstep milk deliveries continue to fall at an annual rate of roughly one pint in every seven. That milk is largely being replaced by purchases from supermarkets, but those sales yield lower profits and the whole liquid milk market is shrinking at about 4 per cent a year. The company's main profit areas are milk-based food in-

gredients and dairy spreads, where Dairy Crest's Clover brand has been a market leader. Profits growth has come recently from cheese, helped by last year's acquisi-tion of the Cathedral City cheese firm, Mendip Foods. Dairy Crest is a quite differ

ent company from the one which was the MMB's pro-ducer of last resort, under the

**Dairy Crest** 



Sir Rocco's hotel bid shown the door by Granada

shrunk substantially. Then it had 32 plants and 12,500 employees. Now there are just 11 locations and 3,500 staff. Then it was predominantly a liquid milk and commodity cheese operation. Now it has moved away from commodities towards value-added prod-ucts. That includes a joint venture with the French company Yoplait, distributing Petits Filous as well as the yo-ghurt drinks Yop and Friij. The chief executive, John The chief executive,

major grocery manufacturers face tremendous pressure from the supermarket chains. They are faced with two unpleasant options: supply own-label products at low margins, or persevers with brands which will require more and more marketing.

That has been seen with Clover. Last year Clover sales fell by 9 per cent. That was partly due to Unigate's intro-duction of Utterly Butterly. but also the rise of own-labe spreads. Dairy Crest's response is to increase market-ing which dents profits.

As Mr Houliston said, it's a tough business. And given the recent performance of the existing quoted milk companies, Unigate and Northern Foods

# Dairy Crest seems unlikely to the next year or two.

rears ago. Since 1990 the firm

Houliston, said yesterday that such products, and especially brands such as Cathedral City and Clover, should help the company to resist pricing pressure from supermarkets. That seems optimistic. All

In the end, political circum-

## Sterling ignores Euro-wrangling



Alex Brummer

▼ IVEN the current European perceptions of Britain — that of a weak government being swept into a Europhobic posture by dissent in its ranks --this could have been a dicey period for sterling on the foreign exchanges. And espe-cially as the European Union now appears ready to play some hardball in response to John Major's boycott of decision-making. But, not a bit of it. The

pound is now enjoying its strongest run, particularly against the German mark, for 15 months and last night closed in London within a whisker of 2.35 marks, up almost a plennig on the day (and even higher after the

The latest pick-up in the sterling rate, which took it to 85.4 per cent in the effective index, may partly have been encouraged by an inflow of funds into UK bonds. The Bank of England's latest glit sank of England's latest git auction attracted strong de-mand in a dull European bonds market and was cov-ered 2.04 times, with an aver-age yield of 6.35 per cent. The pound has now risen

some 5 per cant against the mark since its previous peak against the German currency last October. However. recent progress — which has some commentators suggesting that it is tracking the mark — has to be seen in the light of a medium-term trend which saw the pound lose 23 per cent in real value in the five years to mid-1995, including the development. ing the devaluation of

double-edged sword. Certainly, it should assist the Bank of England in its battle to keep within the UK's inflation targets, more of which will be heard in the Mansion House speeches from the Chancellor and the Governor on June 16  $\sim$  the main monetary event of the UK economic

But, as the Americans are beginning to find, a strong currency can quite quickly have an adverse impact on export performance and manufacturing. There is an increasing amount of American data showing that weaker economies in Germany and Latin America are dampening demand in the United

The UK's first-quarter GDP data showed that manufacturing already is suffering from near-recessionary conditions across Europe: the loss of price competitiveness will not help, despite the current optimism among the foreign ax-change technicians.

stances are certain to over whelm the current technical enthusiasm. The quarrel with Europe, John Major's weak-ness, the unexpected worsening of the public finances and, however irrational, the prospect of a Labour government — eventually will reverse the current trend.

#### Gallic endowment

HE privatisation of France Telecom seems to be the thick end of a year away, but already it looks like being a messy affair. The unions hate the idea and are threatening industrial action, despite the government's de-cision to keep control of the

business through a 51 per cent holding.

A very Gallic compromise over status is likely to add to the confusion. France Telecom will cease to be a civil service body next January but existing staff, though not new recruits, will be able to ing. It will thus be a while before the balance tips decisively in the direction of the

Hardly an ideal situation for a company facing the lib-eralisation of the European Union's telecommunications market at the beginning of

Still, despite the inevitable struggles to come, the privatisation is not all downside. The proceeds of privatising France Telecom will make a handy contribution to France's battle to meet the Maastricht deficit criterion in what will be the decisive year. So, too, will the Fr50 billion from the one-off payment for taking on its pension liabilities.

#### Green futures

A first glance the in-terim results from Michael Green's Carlton Communications look imup 19 per cent at £143 million (details facing page), well ahead of analysts' expectations

But there is some reason to future. Profits from broadcast television, the largest part of the business and which broadly makes up half the earnings, are flat in a marketplace where there is increas-ing competition and in which Carlton may regret its lack of

MAI, which might have been a merger target, is now beyond Carlton's reach leaving only second ranking television tranchises, like HTV. eniliable.

Nevertheless, Carlton has ensibly managed to cover the shortfalls through its investment in production which is paying off in terms of new and repeat commissions and sales to cable and satellite channels here and overseas. Tehnicolour is benefiting from the high output of Hollywood studios and profits from its video production and dis-

tribution are extremely buoy-ant — although longer term analysis of the business believe that there is not much future in this in the world of down the line entertainment and CD formats.

Green has, however, shown himself adept at adjusting. So,

#### **Small investors powering** unending Wall Street boom

AMERICA'S ardour for the signs of abating, despite Wall Street worries of a crash, with individual investors pouring \$99 billion (£65 billion) into mutual funds in the first four months of this year.

The flow of money com-pares to a total of \$128 billion salted away into mutual fimds in 1995. Many investors are putting their money into the riskier aggressive growth funds, for higher returns. According to the Invest-ment Company Institute, a mutual fund trade group, these aggressive stock funds absorbed more than a third of the \$20.6 billion of net inflows

recorded by domestic stock funds in April. Analysts say it is the flood of money into mutual funds "The last market I remember being labelled as liquidity-driven was in 1987," said Byron Wien, equity strategist at Morgan Stanley. "It ended badly enough that I feel a spinal shudder every time I hear the phrase." hear the phrase." Retirement accounts make up as much as 40 per cent of total stock fund sales and

ingly inexhaustible rally in

the stock market, but some of

them are worried.

these investors say they are in for the long haul. But "baby boom" investors have yet to experience a prolonged bear market and the big imponderable is how they will react as their nest eggs erode
in a prolonged downturn.
In the past, investors took
advantage of dips to put

money into mutual funds, but they might lack the stomach for a 20 per cent plunge in the stock market, which is predicted for this year.

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## Murdoch seeks cable ally to fight 'news bias'

Mark Tran in New York

Murdoch and John Ma-lone are discussing a partner-ship that would enable Mr Murdoch's new 24-hour news channel to reach millions of American homes via cable. Mr Malone owns Tele-Com-

munications Inc, America's largest cable system. In exchange for distributing the channel to 10 million or more of the 14 million homes served by TCI, the cable operator could acquire as much as a 20 per cent stake in the new Fox channel. The acquisition would be made through TCI's Liberty Media Corporation. Fox's overtures to TCI

overcrowded cable systems.
Fox has dangled before able operators a fee of \$10 (16.60) or more for every subscriber. The fee would be by far the largest carrot offered to cable operators to help start a new channel. If Fox was hoping to reach, say, 20

million subscribers, it would cost \$200 million.

NBC, which is rolling out the MSNBC news channel with Microsoft, has set itself a target of 20 million viewers. Fox plans to start a 24-hour news channel this autumn to compete with Ted Turner's CNN and MSNBC. ABC last week dropped plans for a 24hour news channel, partly be-

his new venture on already | Mr Murdoch has said that his news channel would be a counterweight to what he be-lieves to be a liberal bias in news programmes.
TCI confirmed that it and

Fox were in negotiations but emphasised that these were early days yet.
Fox and TCI's Liberty
Media Group are already

pariners in a global sports charmel joint venture using the f/X cable channel and Lib erty's numerous regional sports networks.

Last year, the joint venture successfully bid for a portion of major league baseball's

five year TV broadcast rights package. Liberty Media and TCI International also own a 7.5 per cent interest in News Corp's Star TV satellite sysnada had rejected the offer,

which It is understood con- | reject Sir Rocco's bid, centrated on the Meridien chain. Sir Rocco added: "We se

SIR Rocco Forte has been Spurned by Granada Group in his latest £1 billion bid to buy back part of his hotels empire, it cured substantial debt and equity funding to make up our bid, and I am sorry that Granada has decided not to was revealed last night. In a statement, Sir Rocco said he had tabled an offer follow up what we consider to be a good offer. We have to Granada last week to

buy back most of the Meri-dien and part of the Exclu-sive hotel chains, which were snapped up by Gra-nada as part of its £3.9 billion takeover of tions backing his conso orte in January. However, Sir Rocco who said last week that he would not be interested in bidding solely for the Ex-

many other opportunities available to pursue." Sir Rocco also confirmed publicly, for the first time, a full list of the City institu-

tium. It includes venture capitalists at CinVen, the Prudential and Electra. with a debt syndicate headed by JP Morgan and including Midland Bank, SBC Warburg and UBS. In response, Granada, insisting it had been right to

stressed that there was nothing personal" in the decision, and reiterated that it intended to keep Meridien for now. During the closing stages of its bid for Forte, Granada said it would sell Meridien,

A Granada spokesman said: "Granada carefully considered all aspects of Sir Rocco's offer, but concluded

Rocco's latest offer fell short of the sums Granada

prompting interest from leading international hotel groups including Marriott, Sheraton and Accor.

that shareholder value would be better achieved, in the short term, by keeping Meridien for itself." It is understood that Sir

that accounts for the seem-

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Fox's overtures to TCI cause Walt Disney balked at 7.5 per cent reflect Mr Murdoch's difficult the expense of competing Corp's Startes in finding an outlet for against the new Fox network. tem in Asia.

# Carlton says it can go it alone

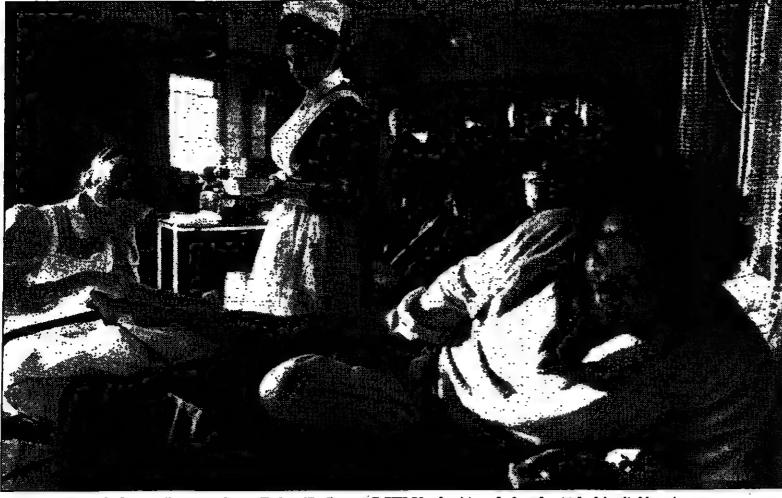
Pauline Springett

ARLTON, the London ITV contractor, yes-terday tried to defuse speculation that it was poised for an acquisition by stressing the potential of its established businesses. But analysts believe that

the company, which was announcing a 19 per cent jump in half year pre-tax profits to £143.3 million, is probably preparing a bid. Possible targets include Mirror Group or fellow ITV contractor HTV.

The media have been see ing radical restructuring and MAI's recent merger with United News & Media intensified the belief in the City that Carlton would have to make its own move to maintain momentum. Carlton's chairman Michael Green said: "While the opportunities for in-

vesting beyond our existing businesses may be extensive, the prices required are often very demanding. It is our task to take advan-



Healthy profits . . . Carlton continues to rely on offerings like Bramwell (ITV, Mondays) to make broadcast television its biggest earner

It is our task to take advan-tage of the former without baying the latter."

Carlton's results, fuelled
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News in brief

## Offshoot fraud may cost KHD £276m

THE financial damage to German engineering group Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD) from hidden losses at a subsidiary could be as high as DM650 million (£276 million), public prosecutors said yesterday. Regine Appenrodt, public prosecutor in Cologne, said KHD cited this figure in a criminal complaint filled against 15 becole in and out of the company.

Mr Appenrodt said prosecutors would launch an investigation on the basis of the complaint on possible charges of embezziement and fraid against leading KHD employees. Previously, KHD said thind sagainst leading KHD employees. Previously, Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD) from hidden losses at a sub-

#### Brent Walker director quits

BRENT Walker, the troubled leisure group, was dealt a further blow yesterday when the head of its Pubmaster chain, John Brackenbury, resigned. Mr Brackenbury, who joined Brent Walker in 1988, had been chairman of Pubmaster since 1991. He will be retained on a consultancy basis until the end of the year. A spokeswoman for Brent Walker said that Mr Brackenbury had done an excellent job and was resigning "for personal reasons". Some analysts suggested that Mr Brackenbury might have become disenchanted by the delay in the flotation of Pubmaster until next year. — Pauline Springett

#### C&G trims mortgage rate

CHELTENHAM & Gloucester has shaved its standard variable mortgage rate to 6.9 per cent — from 6.95 per cent. The rate, available to the Lloyds Bank mortgage subsidiary's new and established borrowers from June 1, reflects the C&G's promise to beat the average rate charged by the top five mortgage lenders.

Andrew Longhurst, chief executive, said the move proved that
cost-efficiency delivered customer benefits. — Cliff Jones

#### Texas chief dies at 58

JERRY Junkins, chairman and chief executive officer of Texas Instruments, died yesterday of a heart attack while on a business trip in Europe. Mr Junkins, 55 — who was travelling in Germany at the time — took over the company in 1985 and turned it into one of the world's largest makers of computer chips with revenue doubling to \$13 billion in 11 years. — Mark Tran in New York

#### M&S unveils Prague store

MARKS & Spencer is opening a store in Prague later this year marks a spenier is opening a sure in Frague later this year—
its largest in central Europe. The company plans to follow this by
opening shops in three other Czech republic cities. It said staff at
the Prague store, which will be larger than M&S's shops in
Budapest and Vienna, will be trained by UK managers "so that we
are able to provide the Czech customers with a standard of service
that our British customers are accustomed to". — Pauline

#### Pepsi boosts market share

PEPSI yesterday claimed the first signs of success from its "blue revolution". Following conversion to blue packaging and promotion at the beginning of April, two market research companies shows Pepsi increasing its share of the market. AGB measured a 15 per cent share of the take-bome market for Pepsi in April, up from just under 12 per cent a year ago, while Nielsen reckoned the new blue product took nearly 18 per cent. — Roger Cours

# **UK leapfrogs uncompetitive Germans**

The findings of a World Economic Forum survey will give new heart to Eurosceptics but rankings rather depend on how the

results are weighted, reports **Sarah Ryle**will published today — just three days after a rival survey showing an inexorable UK de-Could do better UK ranking, out of 49 countries, in these categories. - UK: 8

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European Union partners in the latest league table of competivenes

cline.
The Government will take comfort from the findings that core EU countries such as Germany have plummeted from high rankings in last year's World Economic Forum/International Institute of Management Development joint study of competitiveness, while Britain has improved its position from 18th to 15th in today's new WEF solo report

In a study which will be halled by Euroscoptics inside and cutside the Cabinet, the WEF found that EU states as a group have now slipped be than nations, such as Gerhind three of the five other many, which still have relagional regions. The EU region does not include Britain, and have only recently and which was classed as an nglo-Saxon economy

According to the Geneva-based WEF, Britain was one of just three EU states to rank in the top 20 of the competi-

RITAIN has jumped | Germany was 23nd, a 16-place | rich European countries such | did so well because of their ahead of its key | drop from sixth place last | as France, Germany and | exceptionally open economies, relatively small governreport, now split into sepa-vate studies.

The UK did better in today's WEF study, the Global Competitiveness Report, than in the IMD's version, which was published on Monday. Britain was 19th in the IMD report, mainly because of the different emphasis given to some of the criteria used to judge a country's ability to make rapid and sustained gains in living standards. Under the WEF rules, mor

weight is given to the flexibil-ity of a nation's labour mar-ket and to the actions of its government, including management of public finances and the degree of its interven-tion in the economy. So the UK scores better

falteringly embarked on simi-

The authors of the WEF rsport said: "The European Union is slipping behind many parts of the world in economic competitiveness. The current social welfare

The RU as a group, not including the UK and Luxembourg, was fourth of the five regions identified. Anglo-Sazon nations were second overall, with the so-called Entrepot economies (including Singapore, Hong Kong and Luxembourg) top of the table. The competitive rankings were not the same as the straight economic growth performances, where the Asian countries came first.

Five of the six most competitive countries in this year's ture" the report, including Singapore avoid the ployment.

mies, relatively small govern ments and low tax rates.

Britain, however, did not perform so well in all aspects of the labour market, ranking 27th in terms of its memploy ment rate and 35th in the cat-egory which asked business-men how well they thought their national education system met the needs of a com petitive economy.

British bosses, on the other hand, find it easier than all but two of their EU partners to hire and fire staff, "restruc ture" the labour force and avoid the social costs of em-

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tiveness index, which messures an economy's ability to promote growth in national promote growth in national system is proving to be too output and living standards. heavy a fiscal burden even for

Forex traders

suffered more than most during the 1988-94 Uruguay Round. Why, then, did he look so pleased in Paris last ORE news of naughty old Titan, the "business club" (pyramid-selling racket) week when talk was of a w round of international bitching . . . sorry, vital trade talks? Easy: "I'm coming back to London to join Goldman Sachs at the

ONG Kong shipping magnate and Tory party contributor (50 big ones for the '92 warchest) CH Tung is pulling out of the running for chief executiveship of the terri-tory after the Chinese takeover next year. His Orient Overseas Container Line was bailed out by Peking when it hit storms in the 1980s, and in January he was made honorary adviser to the PRC's giant Cosco shipping group. Betting bad Mr Tung, already on the Honkers executive council, as China's choice to replace Governor Patten. but he has let it be known he does not wish to be considered.

The Underside

AVID Woods, media minder at the World Trade Organisation.

Dan Atkinson

COMMUNIQUE arrives extolling the joys of banking in cyberspace, issued by an organi-sation called the European Union Bank, No. not another arm of the Brussels octopus, but an institution based in Antigua. Well, of

HEERS all round as Upstairs Downstairs returns, but the prowelcome. In the show's mid-Seventies heyday, the London Evening Standard reported business complaints that the old-fashioned images shown the world by Upstairs and colleagues, according to job others were "giving the impression that Britain is steeped in the past and not add: "It may be that . . . un-a nation building computiversal job insecurity is cre-

spoof script in which Hud-son and Rose plugged Har-rier jump-jets, but to no avail; Britain lost its computer industry, and as for the Concorde ... enough said. Meanwhile, Upstairs has become LWT's biggest dollar carner.

currently facing a DTI winding-up petition. Ham-burg-based Titan suckers hundreds of people around the country into paying £2,500 a head to join; new members then sucker two more people in, for whom they are paid £450 a head Anyone recruited after that earns them £1,200. Titan is heavy on security, our spy tells us, and would-be mugs have to sign a gagging con-tract including a DM10,000 (£4,270) penalty for divulging recruiting details. Titan, we hear, has plans to take its non-services to New Zealand, but the Underside has already tipped off the Serious Fraud Office in Auckland.

SPOTTED recently in a National Trust shop at Polesden Lacey — the Surrey country house formerly the abode of Edwarden dian society hostess Mrs Roland Greville — something which looked very like a hum-bag, price £5.50. Not so. According to the shop label, it was a "poste-rior pouch". The National Trust disclose the item is described in the vernacular in all its shops other than Polseden Lacey, where the manageress cannot bring herself to use the term. The Trust said: "She doesn't like the phrase and believes that Mrs Greville would prefer something rather

more refined." BRITAIN'S executives seem to be getting on better with bosses and consultants Drake Beam Morin. Hurray! Drakes

# give top marks to the pound

Larry Elsett and Mark Milner

month high against the German mark on the ex-changes yesterday as dealers generated by the Govern-

Sterling extended its good run against the German currency, which has seen it climb from around 2.17 last November to just under 2.35 at last night's close in London. The rapid rise continued in New York, where it was changing hands at 2.355. Some analysts said last night that if the pound could

break decisively above 2.35—
a key point on dealers' currency charts — it could move
up to 2.40 or higher in the
coming weeks. The upswing could get a further boost if the Bundesbank, which meets today, were to cut interest rates again to help Germany's struggling economy — though that would push the country's borrowing costs into un-

charted territory.

The bullish sentiment towards the pound helped the Bank of England's letest auc-

D mark/sterling

tion of £3 billion worth of long dated government securities. Despite the size of gilt sales

to meet the higher than ex-pected public sector borrow-ing requirement yesterday's auction of 25 year stock was more than twice subscribed. Treasury economist Tony Norfield at ABN Amro said that sterling was under-pinned against the mark by the 1.8 percentage-point premium on 10-year gilts over corresponding German bonds while "at this stage of the

cycle the UK [economy] looks in far better shape than Germany does."
Mr Norfield said that the nncertain political outlook in the UK -- where the Government has a parliamentry ma jority of just one — had al-ready been taken into account fully by the foreign exchange markets. "It could take the actual announcement of a gen-eral election to change the

market's risk perception!" Despite the recent gains, the pound is still well below the level at which it stood at the beginning of last year before it was hammered by the collapse in the dollar triggered by the Mexican debt crisis.

its new strength will, how-ever, provide the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, with some useful ammunition if he feels the economy needs the boost rates over the summer. One of the main concerns of

the Bank of England has been

that a weak pound could lead to inflation by making imports dearer, pushing up wace demands. But such concerns will have been eased among the inflation hawks at the Bank if sterling can hold at DM2.35 and \$1.52, even though a firmer exchange rate makes life more difficult for Britain's exporters in what is al-

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# Going looks good for Mark Of Esteem

ARK OF ESTEEM who ran a temday, has given no further cause for concern and will do some fast work over the weekend in preparation for the Vodafone Derby on

Saturday week.
Saeed Bin Suroor is the trainer but leaves all the talk-ing to Simon Crisford, racing manager of Godolphin, who said: "His temperature is back to normal but although he's fine in himself he's had a day of rest. The plan is to work him over the weekend."

Some good news for all those concerned with the horse is that, despite an inch of rain at Epsom in the last two weeks, the going is likely to be on the fast side come

Derby day. This should suit Mark Of Esteem whose doubtful stam-ina would not be helped if the going were in any way testing.
Andrew Cooper, clerk of the

course, says that the going at the moment is perfectly good and the course will only be watered selectively if condi-tions begin to dry-up.

in April or early May and we watered the particular areas which we know can firm up," said Cooper, "But I don't in-tend to water to alter the overall going significantly.
"At the moment it's perfect

and I'd like to see a little more rain to keep it that way. If it stays dry I think it will probably be on the good to firm

Mick's Love, the other Godolphin runner, was cut from 20-1 to 14-1 by Hill's yesterproblems about this unbeaten colt and the concerm about him has been whether he has He has not raced beyond a

mile and a quarter and needed every yard of that to peg back Bahamian Sunshine at Newmarket on his reppearance but he should be very well suited by the severe na-

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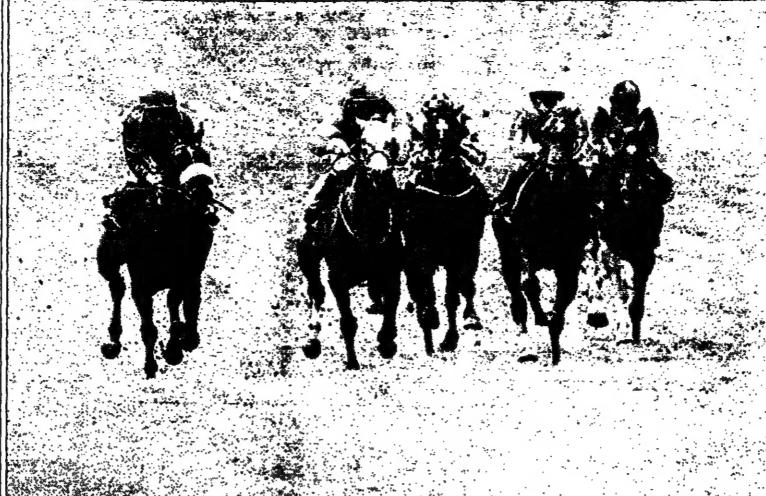
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ture of the Epsom 12 furlongs. It is a fallacy that a good mile and a quarter horses can last out the Derby trip. They do not and for the simple reason that standard time for a mile and a half at Epsom is nearly six seconds slower than Ascot and eight seconds slower than the Curragh or Chantilly.

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There were 15 acceptors yesterday for the French Derby on Sunday at Chantilly but only two English entries Astor Place and Polaris

Flight.
There is a doubt, bowever, whether either of these colts, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, will run and a decision will be made today whether to

supplement the same stable's | ante-post book on the Royal High Baroque, winner of the

Godolphin will almost cer-tainly supplement Don Micheletto so the English challenge will be far from negligible to follow-up Celtic Swing's memorable win last

Hunt Cup at Ascot and make Reg Akehurst's Tregaron 10-1 favourite.

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6.45 power blank stallage stakes 270 # 22,211

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7.15 SECRETOR GRAND CLARGES STATES IN 4131WG CLASS

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2 280-10 LATPHAN (14) (20) P Align 5-5-7
2 20-322 PHARLY DANGER (82) (30) W High 7-6-12
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7 (20):55-0 RELEAD (12) (Golds 1-5-7
8 (15):55-0 RECHOOL OF SCHOOL (16) P AMARING 5-5-5

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Tregaron, who does look overburdened with 7st 12lb, was a runaway winner over the course and distance on Victoria Cup day but has the long journey from New-since failed in soft ground at market pay-off in the Shera-Newbury.

At Carlisle this afternoon Gymcrak Flyer (2.50) and Sandblaster (3.20) could be a rewarding double — both have decent handicap form to their name — while at Hamilton's evening meeting Bayrak (7.15) should make

# 3)—2000 MAPOLEON STAR (10) (C) M Savader 3 5-15-0 26—35: PRESEAR AFFARR (10) (C) (D) (RF) T Navy Co 4-2: REPRESE WHOSE (10) S MODES 4-2-11 4-2: REPRESE (10) S MODES 4-2-1 4-2: C MARTINE MODES (10) (C) MAPON 4-5-9 (SC (-4-2) ROMAN KIRSY (10) F Harrd 5-3-7 TOP FORM TWY, Sincleir Lad II, The Little Perret 7, Writch Me Go & CLATTON RANDOM PER STATE (19) B Meeting 4-18-0 9-0010 AddWA (19) (CD) R O Sulters 7-9-13 9-0500 ALWAYS GRACE (24) (D) Min G Fellows 4-9-1 9-05 D ALWAYS GRACE (24) (D) Min G Fellows 4-9-1 9-05 D ALWAYS GRACE (24) (D) Min G Fellows 4-9-1 060-03 ASTRAL DIVADOM (D) (D) Min Sulters 4-8-12 9-05 RANDOM (66) (D) C Limes 5-8-18 02200 SHARP MP (19) (CD) R Power 6-8-10 42500 DANGMO JACK (20) J Briggs 5-2 42500 DANGMO JACK (20) J Briggs 5-2 Uttoxeter (N.H.) 2.30 Lamon's Mill 4.20 Candle Close 2.00 THERE BATHROOMS POTTERS PLATE HOVICE HURBLE 2m 4f 110pts 62,005 TRINGS BATTHOO (201) Photos 4-12-1 (2023) ALL OM (12) (D) J Hebreton 5-11-0 (2023) ALL OM (12) (D) J Hebreton 5-11-0 (2020) ALL OM (12) (D) J Hebreton 5-11-0 (2020) LIADE WE THIS DAUGE (D) Hers L Sacrall 7-11-0 (2020) LIADE WE THIS DAUGE (D) Hers L Sacrall 7-11-0 (2020) PREMIUM CONTINUE (D) Hers L Sacrall 7-11-0 (2020) PREMIUM CONTINUE (D) Hers L Sacrall 7-11-0 (2020) All Continues (D) Hers L Sacra POSONS LITTLE THEOTURE (8) WIS T MAIN 2003 PERSONNE PLACE (22) G John 005 PERSON LARK (64) R Lee e-11-0 005942 Detector i proutement and time in a second Petrol, 7-2 AS On, 6-1 Leep in The Derit, 20-1 Links 5-2 Petrobridge Place, 11-4 Faustina, 3-1 Second Petrol, 7-2 AS On, 6-1 Leep in The Derit, 20-1 Links 9 receivers 4-5 Lymon's Mill., 7-2 Fambridge, 5-1 An Specipin Femers, 8-1 Imed, 14-1 Woodlands Power, 16-1 3.00 SUTTON ESTATES CELEBRATION MOVICE HANDICK O SUTTON ESTATES CELEBRATION MOVICE MARKECSP N 316113 TONINS CERT (16) (D) N Poo 4-T-12 3272+F SERRY (22) (D) J Quien T-11-12 3272+F SERRY (22) (D) J Quien T-11-12 3272+F SERRY (22) (D) Q D Emman 5-11-8 5-202+P SERRY (22) (D) N SERVE (32) (D) N SERVE 3-11-12 503+C POLY ARMSISHAA (15) (D) (DF) M Benks 4-11-4 525118 COAST ALLONG (5-1) (CD) (DF) P Benks 4-11-2 525118 COAST ALLONG (5-1) (CD) (DF) P Benks 4-11-2 527-P SERRABAR (2) M Tention-Duries 7-10-13 52522 VALUENY (20) R Lee 5-10-6 52522 VALUENY (20) R Lee 5-10-6 52522 VALUENY (20) R SERVE 4-10-11 52522 VALUENY (20) R Begsieg: 9-2 Poly Assensitys, 5-1 Shara Delogist, 13-2 Tonys Gift, 7-1 Errey, Comm, Along, 8-1 Delosis Frontier Filipht, Mr Christie, 11302 MONTON (SE) P Hobis 7-11-11 234310 MR BICTERTAINER (216) (C) N Gaselos 13-11-4 21836 TOUGH DEAL (3) (73-60) (C0) P Bradisy B-11-3 41-F31 (COUNTESSALLABOR (45) (C5) J McCounsche 523-1503 MONTON (17) T Forsier 10-10-7 7-4 Musica, 11-4 Trooph Deal, 3-1 Compartelance, 11-9 Mr Externance, 5-1 Hougill 5 resp TREAT SATYIRDOWS MARDICAP MURDLE Sm 110yds Cs.,650 P2331 MENTON POINT (19) (0) D Nicholson 7-12-0 13-602 MINISTRUCK (26) Ligh Jerries 10-11-7 14421 CATS SIME (24), J Upsin 8-11-2 02-Priot Transullant (26), J Upsin 8-11-2 11710 SCOTTE WISSTERLY (130) (0) Mr M Fineday 8-10-0 118145 DESTART RESERVORY (7) (0) P HODES 7-10-0 100551 RAGIS (25) P Richert 5-10-8 31PP25 SECRET POIR (8), Mr S Williams 10-10-7 42853 ARLE PLAYER (24) (0) P Pro-7-(0-5 42853 ARLE PLAYER (24) (0) P Pro-7-0-0 17-2 Newton Poirs, 4-1 Morenbush, 5-1 Cala Res. 6-1 Regio, 3-1 Tarquia krol Four GO DOUGLAS MACHINIAN HOSPICE WORKER HUNTED DUSQ-1 ACROSS THE CARD (44) G Remany 8-12-6. 223-00 A WINDLY CITIZEN (42) HIT C Hicks 7-12-5. 24-914 CANDLE GLOW (12) P Historieson 6-12-1. P-4 SECK THE ROAD (22) P Lines 6-12-0. 45222- ROAD STEAKE (800) C Hene 7-12-0. 57402- POUR HEARTS (5476) (87) 4 Hallmone 7-12-0. DUFF- HACTS BOY (446) J HOOTE 7-12-0. DUFF- BACTS BOY (446) J HOOTE 7-12-0. DUFF- BOOTE ANDRES (557) PHINTED 8-12-0. DOOTE-S HO OK (580) HISP (461) HISP P WINTE 7-11-0. DOOTE-S HO OK (580) HISP C CHARTON 5-11-0. SO- LINEALIZETTEM (587) PHINTED 5-11-0. PT TEOPS KNOOTH (4-2) P Charming 5-11-7. Mings 7-2 Across The Card. 9-2 Capella Glove, 5-1 Northern Bluff, 11-2 Broad Sleans, 7-1 A Wilst 28n, 5-1 Back The Road. 10-1 Four Hearts

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 Martinosky, the horse who nearly died twice, landed a 16-1 shock in the first division of the Sellindge Claiming Stakes at shock in the first division of the Sellingge Claiming Stakes at Folkestone yesterday. "How he has survived, I don't know," said trainer Giles Bravery. "He had a cancerous growth in his sinus and had to have his teeth taken out for them to get at it. He had to have 50 stitches. He also fractured his near-fore in a gallop and we never thought he would race again."

# League may block Wright's £10m bid

Neil Robinson

HRIS WRIGHT's ambitious plan to take wover Queens Park Rangers and Wasps hit what may prove an insurwhen the Football League an-nounced that it might veto ground-sharing at Loftus

The 51-year-old music magnate is negotiating to buy the soccer and rugby union clubs for more than £10 million. The money would secure outright control of Rangers and 49.9 per cent of Wasps, who currently play at Sudbury: under the plan the Courage League One side would move in at Rangers. However, the Football

the effect rugby union would have on Loftus Road, and could scupper the initiative. "Any member club wishing to share its ground with another sporting activity would need spokesman. "There would be obvious concerns as to the standard of pitches for League matches if another sport were to be staged on the

ground-share arrangements since Charlton escaped closure by moving in with Crustal Part

Sutter and the striker Adrian

Knup out of his squad for Euro 96 — in which they play England in the first match on

Saturday week — has been criticised by the Swiss media

for discarding the mainstays

of the side Roy Hodgson took

to the 1994 World Cup finals. When the former Portugal

terday, the Zurich-based Tages-Amzeiger said: "Artur Jorge is leaning out of the

window with this selection. It

might well prove that during

the European Championship

he will fall out of it."
Switzerland's final pre-

championship match is

against the Czech Republic in

Basel on Saturday, and England's coach Terry Venables

play without Sutter and

Knup, Both were in the side

peaten 3-1 by England at Wembley in November.

Jorge's relationship with

the media has been prickly

since he took over from Hodg-

son at the turn of the year. Asked why he had not picked Sutter and Knup, he said: "It

had nothing to do with

Sutter, the midfielder and

Greenpeace activist who was cehind the Swiss players' pro-

tests against French nuclear

testing last year, has had an

excellent season for the Ger-man side Freiburg, and Knup

looked sharp for

Swiss squad is

WITZERLAND's coach | Brown yesterday forwarded his 22 names for Euro 96 to left the midfielder Alam | Uefa; with Derek Whyte of

voted a miss

ace almost a decade ago, and it in signing the Manchester refused to approve a Brighton | City captain Keith Curle and mouth for next season unless the club first submitted proposals for a new ground in the

Hove area.

Even if the League approves the scheme, QPR's former chairman Richard Thompson, whose family retains a controlling interest retains a confrolling interest in the club, may not accept Wright's offer. Although Wright believed the deal was "in the bag" two days ago, he said last night that Thompson had "changed the parameters and that usually means asking for more money.

"I have been a supporter at Loftus Road for 20 years. That's why I want to get in-volved: because I am a fa-natic, I can put the club, with the help of my co-backers, on an extremely firm financial backing, and with the extra revenue we get from Wasps' use of the stadium we can look ahead to a very bright future into the 21st century.
"We should be challenging

Uefa; with Derek Whyte of Middlesbrough taking the

place left by an injury to Alan McLaren of Rangers, the squad is the same as that on

tour in the United States.

team-mate Niall Quinn. The Roker Park club's manager Peter Reid took Curle, 32, to City four years ago for 22 million, a fee that City would expect to recoup. Quinn, the Republic of Ire-land striker, would be avail-

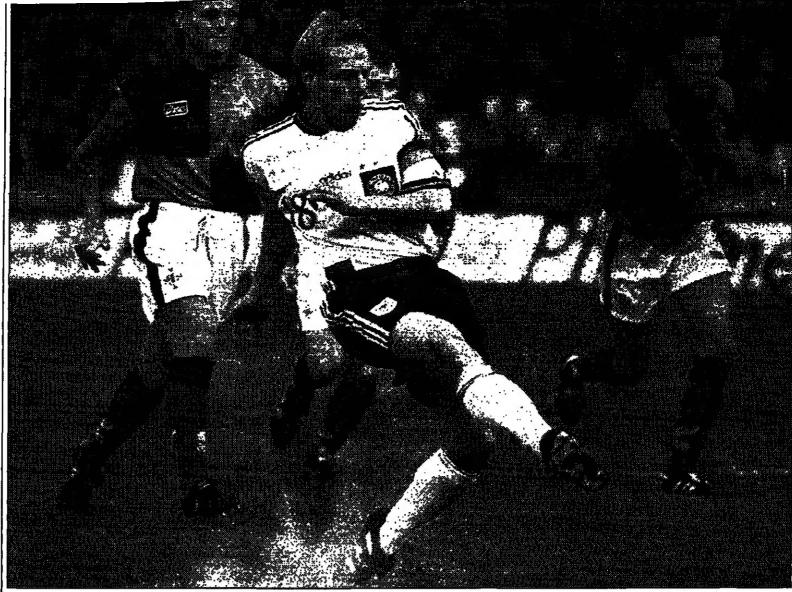
able for about £1.5 million. The Leicester manager Martin O'Neill, who has been given 25 million to keep the newly promoted East Mid-lands club in the Premier-ship is interested in the ship, is interested in signing Norwich's Spencer Prior. The 25-year-old defender has rejected a new deal at Carrow

O'Neill is also keen to hang on to Mustafa Izzett, the 20-year-old Chelsea winger who spent the final two months of the season on loan at Filbert Street, and yesterday Izzett asked Chelsea to decide on his future. "Martin O'Neill has told me he will try everything to keep me, and you can't say more than that," he said. "It is up to Chelsea to say whether they are pre-pared to let me go."

Ipswich Town have signed Bobby Petta, a 21-year-old midfielder, on a free transfer from Feyenoord. Petta, a Hol-land Under-18 and Under-21 international, is out of con-

Early-morning snack proves

costly for



Wide of the mark . . . Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann misses with a fourth-minute penalty after he had been felled at Windsor Park last night

Friendly internationals: Northern Ireland 1, Germany 1

# Germans give the game away

OR the past eight days since they arrived in Belfast the Germans Championship, Ivica Mor-nar has already ruined any plans he had of visiting praised their hosis for their Irish hospitality. But last night it was the visitors dishing out the gifts. They missed two first-half penalties and a late chance for victory and the result means Northern Ireland's record in their last

in Porec at 3am. Mornar was expected to be included in the final 22 as cover for Davor Suker and Alen Boksic but his

league this season. Forward: McCeist (Rangers, 51), Durie (Rangers, 28), Booth (Aberdeen, 11), Spencer (Cheista, B), Gellecher (Black-

mestic football. Newcastle United's manager Kevin Keegan is angra

SWITZERLAND SQUAD: Gesitaspara Lehmann (Sion), Pascela (Servatte), Cormisheder (Nouchatel), Defendera Hottiger (Evertan), Hemoless (Hamburg), Queentin, Wieky (both Sion), Vega, Gesper (both Grasshopper), Jessmeret, Rotthenbalsker (both Neuchatel), Mid-fielders: Sforza (Bayern Munich), Fournier, Borrin (both Sion), Ohref (St Elome), Koller, Combesti, Vegel (all Grasshopper), Forwardes Grassi (Monaco), Chapultest (Borussis Dot-rusad), Tertysimus (Grasshopper), Sess (Servatia) Nick Barmby's got more to offer, but I'm flabbergast-

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(Worder Branen). Simutenkov
(Reggisno). Scotland's coach Craig

WHILE Paul Gascoigne's alleged late-night indiscretions on flight CX251 could still cost him a place in next month's European

Croatian striker

Scotland, with 12 over-30s in the squad, will be captained by Gary McAllister in England with Creatia. Officials ruled the Eintracht Frankfurt striker their group games against England, Holland and out of Euro 96 after he was found eating a sandwich in the bar of the squad's hotel

> place has gone to Igor Pa-mic, the leading scorer in the Croatian national

A surprise omission from the 22 was Nenad Praiija, the Hajduk Split midfielder best players in Croatian do-

about the omissions of Robert Lee and, especially, the 35-year-old Peter Beardsley from England's squad. Keegan, whose own Eng-land career ended at the age of 31, told ITV: "Perhaps Terry [Venables] feels

ed. I think we've a habit of discarding players. We take age as being a barrier." Of Les he added: "He is another player who can make a tremendous contrimissing and Klinsmann, who would normally have counted as the seventh automatic choice, is suspended for that Hill, when Lomas tangled as if Northern Ireland had

Nevertheless, the German captain played here much to the pleasure of the Irish FA as his appearance guaranteed a warm response from those having one last stand on the soon-to-be demolished Spion

had played a few minutes of extra-time football at Wembley on Monday for Leicester City against Crystal Palace and as early as the fourth minute he discovered Klinsmann is no Dougle Freedman. Gillespie, waiting for the ball to come to him, was surprised by Ziege. The maraud-ing left-back passed swiftly to with the striker. Not for the first time, Klins-

mann fell. The referee Young awarded the penalty but Klinsmann, perhaps diplo-matically, struck the ball wide off Fettis's right post. He made no such mistake against Holland last time out. The game was partly dis-

rupted by bookings for three Germans, including Scholl, but the Bayern Munich midfielder made a more meaning-ful contribution in the 33rd minute when he ran on to Klinsmann's flick, only to be tumbled by Worthington in the area.

Another penalty, another miss. This time Möller was

scored. There was not a conthat happening at this stage and it was Germany, via

a diving save after the break. Strunz had replaced Bierboff with Bobic on for Klins mann but, given that several Germans were looking for starting places in England, their overall commitment

was lacklustre. through Hughes, whom the Germans never managed to tie down, and O'Boyle who had come on for Gillespie who looked the more lively and certainly more interested

Strunz, who forced Fettis into

the O'Boyle-Hughes combina-tion struck gold with the for-mer ramming home the latter's inswinging cross from four yards.
The Germans suddenly

realised they were in a game and that Euro 96 was only 10 days away. Immediately they swept upfield where Scholl exchanged passes with Möller before drilling the equaliser

Republic of Ireland 0, Portugal 1

repeatedly

# Folha silences Republic's young guns

Charlie Stuart at Lansdowne Road

NTONIO Folha's lastminute goal, a specula-tive shot from five yards outside the area, com-pleted a bad day for Mick Mc-Carthy, for whom it was a third consecutive defeat in

four meetings with the Germans is a highly creditable:

probably face the Czech Republic at Old Trafford on

Sunday week. Köpke, Sam-mer, Reuter and Hassler were

won two, drawn two. Germany's starting line-up featured six of those who will

The shot took a deflection from Alan McLoughlin and there was no time to repair bution and can play in two
or three positions."

the damage as the Republic
fell to an undeserved defeat.

and must have hopes of breaking his managerial duck against Croatia at the same

venue on Sunday.

He fielded a side with an average age of 23, the youngest ever. And before long the supporters had forgotton about the miscreant Roy ing solicitors' statements in Manchester saying that he regretted not having made contact with McCarthy over

But McCarthy will have his non-appearance for last been well pleased with the performance of his young side manager's testimonial, and the games over the summer.

The young bloods took advantage of the situation and how the crowd warmed to them. Nursed along by the veterans Andy Townsend and Tony Cascarino, they gave as

good as they got.
Early on Celtic's Jorge Cadete had a shot excellently blocked by Shay Given after a clever build-up involving Joso Pinto and Fohla.

their account after 10 minutes following a blunder by Ken Cunningham. Dimas set up Tavares, who was inches away from scoring.

Given again came to Ire-

land's rescue on the half hour when he dealt almost nonchalantly with a 20-yard effort from Santos.

From the goalkeeper's long clearance the debutant David Connolly cleverly back-heeled the ball into the path of Townsend and it took a save of the highest class from Vitor Baia

neat interchange with Tony Cascarino but, having rounded the keeper, he found the angle too difficult.

Just before half-time Bais had to use all his expertise to take the ball at the feet of Connolly, who seemed certain to score.

Repetitie of Irelands Given: Fleming, Phelan, Kemaghan, Cumhingham, Kenna, Townsend, McLoughile, Connoily, Cascarno, Farvilly, Portogait Sais; Santos, Heider, Oceano, Courto, Taveras, Fantins, Pinto, Folha, Dimas, Cadete, Refereer Claude Detruche (Swij,

#### Cycling

#### Cipollini seizes the moment Athletics to take third stage victory

in by the pack.

out on his own for 93 miles

before being caught on Satur-

ARIO CIPOLLINI group in 2hr 52min at an ever- Colin Jackson in Bratislava marked the halfway age speed of 28mph. He last night Jackson, the world point in the Giro d'Italia with his third stage victory when he edged out Djamolidine Abdoujaparov of Uzbekistan in a sprint for the finish of yesterday's flat 81-mile stage from Prato to Marina di Massa on the Riviera. Cipollini's team-mate Silvio Martinello, the race leader in the early was third ahead of another Italian, Denis Zanette.

for the fifth day the pink jersey of the overall race les after finishing with the lead



Tony Jarrett recorded a rare

110m hurdles victory over his Great Britain team-mate record holder, never recov Russia's Pavel Tonkov. Two ered from a poor start and finished in second place in of the favourites for overall victory, Evgeny Berzin and 13.27sec, three hundredths of the world road champion a second behind Jarrett. Melanie Neef, anxious not

Sport in brief

Abraham Olano, trail by 26 and 50sec. to jeopardise her Olympic prospects, yesterday with-drew from the European Cup 400 metres in Madrid this Sat-Cipollini, who had taken the stages at Ostuni and Na-ples, was delighted with the urday. The 28-year-old Glas-gow runner, who won this win in his home region of Tuscany. It was the 29-yearold's 15th Giro victory and race in Lille last year, has an Achilles problem and will be replaced by Donna Fraser or Allison Curbishley, but will run a leg of the 4x400m relay. afterwards he thanked his me into the lead at the right

Early in the day a group of Squash Rackets 26 riders attempted to escape the sprinters and they estab-England were able to rest lished a lead of three minutes before gradually being reined Mark Chaloner and the Brit-

ish champion. Suzanne Horner and still beat the host team Malaysia 3-0 in Pool B Fabiano Fontanelli was the last to surrender, two miles of the World Cup mixed-team event in Kuala Lumpur yes-terday. Chris Walker, Mark Cairns and Jane Martin all from the finish; the Italian, who scored further points in his defence of the King of the Mountains on the Salita della won their matches in straight games. Wales, defeated by Foce, had dropped his co-leaders with eight miles to go. Daniele Contrini fell back on Egypt, must beat Italy today to avoid the play-offs for 13th the 11/2-mile climb, and Maurizio de Pasquale, who had been

Mike Russell, the world No. 1, has been fined £1,000 by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association corner; he slid across the road | after an incident at a Madras hotel during a tournament the group came by there in July. But Russell, Today's 121 mile stage from who was named Billiards Player of the Year only last Genoa will give Cipollini an- | Friday, was cleared of bringother chance of success being the game into disrepute fore the race heads for the and his fine was suspended

Results

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**Rugby Union** 

Rugby League

Tennis

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Hansen (GB) 14.21

Baseball

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Hockey

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6, L Papoli (it) Refin st.

Basketball Ice Hockey NHL: Stanley Cop finals Eastern ( ference: Pitisburgh 3, Florida 0 (1 burgh lead series 3-2). Evening Racing

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Hull First Divisions Devabury v York
Widnes v Swenton. Second Divisions Hud

Rugby League

Super League: Wigan 50, Sheffield 6

#### Eagles easy prey as Wigan soon get back in the groove

Paul Fitzpatrick

GAN put their cross-code challenges with Bath behind them and returned to what they do best at Central Park last night. The crowd was curiously subdued from the start but attentive as Sheffield produced 10 promising, error-free min-utes' play. Could they keep it up? They could not — and all

by half-time. Wigan's crushing victory took them to within two points of St Helens and they will go to the top on Saturday if - and they surely must they beat a depressed Leeds at

sense of competition had gone

Headingley.
Sheffield, who continue to find new ways of punishing themselves, made a succession of fundamental blunders and Wigan, inevitably, capitalised in merciless fashion. In the build-up to the open-ing try Tuigamala gained a lucky rebound. But later in the move Smyth should have been blocked out. He escaped to give a poor pass, but Con-nolly picked up the loose ball and left the Eagles' defence flat-footed. Farrell, 21 today, kicked the first of his seven

goals. The Eagles then paid the price for faulty tackling technique, O'Connor ducking under Sovatabua's high challenge to send Hall clear. A needless penalty, conceded in their own half, led to a try by

Cassidy and Sheffield's misfortunes continued when Connolly charged down Sheri-dan's kick. That passage of play ended with Offiah scoring in the corner. Paul's try four minutes before the interval owed nothing to the opposition and was vintage Wigan. Sheffield's only respite in this period was a fine try from Lawless, who deceived the Wigan defence with a shimmy and a startling piece of acceleration. Lawiess was far and away Eagles' most im-

pressive player. From an interval lead of 26-6 there was to be no containing Wigan. The dazzling Smyth scored one long-range try that did not count and another that did; Offiah completed yet another hat-trick and Johnson rounded things

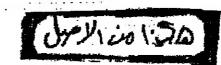
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Widness yesterday Call.

celled the contracts of the long serving Hulme brothers, David and Paul, after the pair had taken the club to a Rugby Football League tribunal.

After the Hulmes had claimed that Widnes had

fallen behind with contract payments the RFL upheld their case and confirmed yesterday that they are now free



Greg Baum tunes into The Don's telethon and finds the great man's final thoughts in public as difficult to draw out as he was to get out

# Bradman's bat as straight as ever

man yesterday broke a silence of several decades, Now 87, cricket's most prolific batsman gave what he said would be his last media interview, and chose Kerry Packer's television net-

work to carry it.

Money and television had driven Bradman and Packer apart 20 years ago, money and television reconciled them this was constant in the interview was constant in the interview screened amid great hype in Australia last night. Not that Sir Donald was compromised. Asked at the end of the interview what he would most like to be remembered for, he said simply: "Integrity." He is assured that much

This rarest and most prized of interviews was arranged on the understanding that it would be accompanied by a telethon, and that the money raised would go entirely to the completion of the Bradman Museum in Bowral, his home town. Packer, who had thumbed his nose at an ag-grieved Sir Donald and the Australian Cricket Board to create World Series Cricke is said to have guaranteed the museum one million Australian dollars (£526,000).

The programme's prelude noted how much Sir Donald achieved in his career "for nothing". Ray Martin, the journalist turned entertainer who conducted the interview - Sir Donald's choice, it must be said - asked how he felt to see the likes of Shane Warne and Sachin Tendulkar earning millions of dollars.

aWay

Sir Donald did not begrudge them. He said that Warne was "the best thing that had happened to the game of cricket for a very long time", and that ulthough obviously he had never seen himself bat. Tendulkar reminded him of how

he imagined he once played. But for Channel 9 there would be no sense without dollars. At the end of the twohour programme, the infa-mously inane host Ken Sut-cliffe remarked to Warne that after hearing such an endorsement from Sir Donald "you must go out and think you must go out and think you'll be worth a couple of extra million now". A snippet was then acreened in which Tony Greig asked Tendulkar about Sir Donald's compli-ment, then about his "financial involvement" in cricket. Tendulkar was charming in reply: "I would prefer to average 99 in Test cricket than to sign all those contracts.

The interview was more memorable for the fact of its happening than for an apocahas always shied away from called him an "immortal". Sir between Tendulkar and Brian called him an "immortal". Sir Lara now, although Tendulpublicity just as assiduously Donald at 87 is growing old.

Golf



As to why he stood so far above any other batsman in history, he replied: 'Don't ask me that, I don't know the answer'

as it once had hounded him. He remained every bit as dif-ficult to draw out as he was to

Warne and Mark Taylor --who apart from casual engagements with the Australia team are both on the net work's payroll — as well as Greig and, incongruously, Dickie Bird, And it had a new song, Our Don, written and performed for the show made immediately available of course, on CD and cassette. Spliced with every available piece of footage of Sir Donald, tributes from Austra-Howard and a galaxy of other stars, it managed to draw out less than 45 minutes of interview into two hours. There was no deeper insight than was already available from interview in 1990 with ABC Vision's Jack Lean Such revelations as there

were came from asides; chief among them, and most sober-

money, so having two great cars is sheer stupidity."

Davies's first jobs were tak-ing bets in a bookmaker's and

stacking supermarket shelves.

Her first car was a Triumph Herald, for which she paid £100 when she passed her driv-

Now, of course, her driving is unsurpassed. Her tee-shots

frequently travel close to 300 yards, but it was her putter which paid such huge dividends last Sunday.

"I didn't realise I had bro-

ken the record for the most

money won at a single hole in

skins golf; that was a nice sur-prise," she said. "But I think

it is too much money to win like that, it's almost obscene.

"It was a completely different feeling than sinking a putt

to win a major. If I had missed my putt for victory at the LPGA this month I would have still picked up \$111,000

for second place. If I had missed that one on Sunday I

ing test in 1981.

Davies drives into fast lane

nimble of mind as ever, he regretted at one point that Tendulkar had not yet toured Australia, seeming to forget that Tendulkar made two Test centuries there in 1991-92.

He played a few bars of a tune on his beloved plane, then stopped, apologising that the was capable of no more now. Although at golf until last year he was still breaking his age regularly, he was not playing at all now because he could not walk the 18 holes. Ho and Lady Bradman were both ill last year; old age, he said, "frustrates me terribly". He was as alert as ever to the journalistic yorker, not that Martin got many to

nor encountered sledging in his playing days and did not approve of it now. Of underarm bowling, "the less said the better"; of Bodyline, "hate is not a word in my vocabu-lary, but I certainly didn't like it"; of reputedly strained relationships between him and his team-mates, there were "one or two times cer-tainly, one or two people, but in the main nothing".

offered a bribe; never sledged

Of the perception that he was the greatest Australian of all, that was for others to judge. As to why he stood so far above other batsmen in history, he said: "Don't ask me that question, I don't know the answer." He had seen many more talented and attractive players than him-self, he said, and did not understand why they had not thrived as he had.

He was so rarely caught at the wicket, he said, because without any formal coaching Channel 9 nevertheless he played with an unfashion-made a lavish production of the occasion, rolling out warne and Mark Taylor — contemporary blades. Heavy modern bats were not suited to cross-bat shots, he said whereupon Martin noted that Sir Donald had given a tip to

> Batting was "very often" as "not always, and sometimes (it was) very difficult". For instance, when facing class spinners, such as Clarrie Grimmett and Bill O'Reilly on worn wickets, or later in his career when facing Alec Bedser in difficult conditions. career when facing Alec Bedser in difficult conditions. Frank Tyson, not Harold Lar-wood, was the fastest bowler he had seen, Dannis Liliee probably the best. Sir Garry Sobers was unequivocally the best all-round cricketer he nad seen. He would not choose one from among half a dozen batsmen as the best, and said there was nothing



Double act . . . Sir Donald with interviewer Ray Martin at the Adelaide Oval Beyon CHARLTON

view by reading a passage written by Lord Harris, the former captain of Kent and England, on his 80th birth-day: "You do well to love cricket, for it is more free

other hot property, Nick

"The only thing we really have in common is that we are both British," she said. "Tve

won three majors, he has won twice as many. The hig difference between us is recognition: when I won at the LPGA, I got

a postage-stamp photograph and half a page in a British golf magazine. When Nick won the Masters he got the full cover

any game in the world ... Foster it, my brothers, so that it may attract all who will sully it, so that it may dollar or two.

Rugby Union

Sir Donald fashioned his | from anything sordid, any- | grow in favour with all men. life-long creed. Channel 9 will probably refer it to the mar-keting department to see if it find the time to play it, can be put to music, linked to protected from anything that a video clip and turned into a

the chance to make a few bob

during the summer."
Wales play England in the

European Championship in Cardiff on June 26 and Nicholas said it was not beyond the

up in Newport, could be in contention for Wales, having played rugby union for Welsh Schools.

Meanwhile, the double

rugby international Rowland Phillips is to return to union

with Treorchy at the end of Workington's first Super

League campaign; the 30-year-old forward is joining Tre-

orchy on a one-year contract. Paul Turner, who is being

released as player-coach of Sale in acrimonious circum-stances, is also considering a

# **Bannister hit** by flak over Illingworth book

ACK BANNISTER, the writer and broadcaster with more hats than Mrs has removed one by resigning as honorary president of the Cricketers' Association, the professional players' union, to stand against illingworth for because of his involvement as the position of chairman of the author of Raymond Illing worth's controversial book

One-Man Committee.

The book is due to be pubished on June 13 but extracts including strong criticism of the Derbyshire fast bowler Devon Malcolm and confiden nal details of voting at Eng land selection meetings, have already been serialised in the Daily Express.

As a consequence filing-worth has been called before the discipline committee of the Test and County Cricket Board and has agreed to apcharges that his comments coming from the chairman of the England selectors, are against the interests of the

Bannister has also written two other potentially contro-versial books — with the former Test batsman Allan Lamb and the retired umpire Don Oslear — and both are timed for publication to coin-cide with the Pakistan tour

worth on a commercial basis has provided ammunition for has provided amministic for the conspiracy theorists who are aware that Bannister, an Illingworth supporter, had in March been one of those ques-tioning whether it was right for the association's paid gen-eral secretary David Graveney to stand grains Illingworth for selectors. As a result Graveney was asked to withdraw from the contest by the association because the players felt he could not serve both interests.

Yesterday a statement by Tim Curtis, the association's chairman, and fellow officers Matthew Fleming and Alan Fordham said that Bannister had been asked to consider his position. It added: "He desire not to get drawn into the highly public debate being conducted in the media over extracts from Mr Illing-

Bannister revealed that his books had arisen at a meeting of the association six weeks ago. "I said that I didn't be-lieve anyone could take exception to the content of them and suggested a wait-and-see policy," he said yesterday. "But with Ray Illingworth due in front of the disciplinwant to distance themselves."

Benson & Hedges Cup, quarter-finals

## **Emburey rolls** back the years

Northampton. The 43-year-old John Emburey, Northamptonshire's director of cricket produced a run-out and then four wickets in four overs to turn the course of the inter-rupted tie against Kent.

Northamptonshire's victory by 21 runs earned them a nome semi-final against Warwickshire on June 11. The other will be a Roses affair at Old Trafford, where Lancashire completed a five-wicket win over Gloucestershire.

Emburey's timely intervention came when Kent - who requiring another 186 from almost 30 overs — had taken the score on to 237 for five with 10 overs remaining, and Trevor Ward in magnificent form was approaching what appeared to be a match-winning century.

Rob Bailey had thus far given Emburey one indiffer-ent over from the Pavilion End but now, searching desperately for a breakthrough, he brought him on at the Football End. Ward, having hit 11 fours in his 98, sought to reach his hundred with his fourth boundary in five balls by sweeping Emburey's first ball; he missed and was deemed leg-before, though his gestures to the crowd suggested he felt otherwise.

Ward's sixth-wicket part-nership with Matthew Walker had produced 80 runs in 12 overs after Emburey had ended the previous one of 77

Bec H Gold Award.

The off-spinner Martyn Fall
was the pick of the visitors'
attack yesterday, but when he
finally broke Lancashire's
fifth-wicket stand by bowling by running out Mark Ealham as he attempted to steal a second run to long-off. Walker, who had hit a quick 30, followed four balls later,

N OLD dog came up cutting to backward point with some new tricks at the County Ground yes catch well.

What had seemed an exu-berant victory charge by Kent had been halted abruptly and worse was to follow when Martin McCague hoisted a huge catch to deep midwicket where Tony Penberthy had time to contemplate the meaning of life before the ball returned to the atmosphere.

Kent's slender hopes now ested with Steve Marsh, and he made a brave fist of it, pulling Penberthy flercely and lashing Emburey miles over long-on for six. But another caught on the run by Capel at his fourth wicket.

Andy Wilson adds: Lancashire remain on course for their fifth B & H final in seven years thanks largely to Neil Fairbrother. When he went in against Gloucestershire yes-terday his side were, as he put it, "staring down the bar-rel" at 32 for four.

said. "Couriney [Walsh] was firing. Smithy [Mike Smith] was coming in well from the other end and everywhere people were saying York-shire', 'Old Trafford' and 'Full House'.' Fairbrother res-ponded with 80 not out from sixes, to claim his eighth B&H Gold Award.

John Crawley for 48 the dam age had been done.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Lancaphire Yorkshire; Northamptonehire Warwickshire, Ties on June 11.

#### Scoreboard

Quarter-finals LANCASHERE V OLDUCESTERSHERE
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you have got it, spend it. Norman has 10 cars, a £5.3 million yacht, a transatiantic jet and two helicopters. Davies is about to join him in the fast lane with the purchase of a

the Australian's belief that if

£130,000 red Ferrari. She has already won \$841,000 (£557,000) this year, including the \$300,000 for a 12ft putt during a skins game at the Stone-bridge club in Dallas last week end. 'It's disgusting to think of spending that much on a car," said the 32-year-old from Surrey, who is among the favourites for a second US Open title at Pine Needles starting today. "But I'm very lucky and I can afford to do it because of the four great years I've had. What the hell, some-

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## Montgomerie inspired by new putting Pal

COLIN MONTGOMERIE
That arrived here for the
Deutsche Bank Open with the look of a man who has discovered the elixir of life. It comes in the form of a new Ping Pal-4 putter which he believes will transform his fortunes on the greens in good time for his prime target of 1996, the US Open at Oakland Hills, Michigan in a fortnight By his own admission Montgomerie, who finished ninth after leading at the 54-

holes stage in the Benson and

Hedges at The Oxfordshire,

a poor putting patch.

He has also been a victim of putter.

Davles . . . \$841,000 this year

dren plus a similar amount to her caddle, her cousin Mat-thew. "By the time I've paid tax my final cheque will be

much lower, but I take pride in

his own indecision. The Euro-pean No. 1 used a different putter each day at Wentworth and at the Players Championship in Florida in March. "I have changed putters too often and I have more than 50 at home," he said. "I should stick to the same one, and now that I have found a more lofted putter that is ideal for any type of green, perhaps it will be the only one I will take to Detroit."

Certainly it made a promising debut yesterday when the Scot had a 68 in the pro-am.

Championship last week, is in | all to do with what's in your head. Anyone can be a good

"It is half the shots in golf, but in my case it is more than half the shots. I am in a bad phase, but I will get out of it." The defending champion Bernhard Langer, who last week came to the end of his run of 68 events without missing a cut, is also looking for a over in the centre with rapid recovery. The German is eyeing a 10th European victory on home soil and his third at Gut Kaden, where he won the Honda title in 1992.

The Volvo rankings leader Ballesteros are the other prinand seventh to Costantino Putting has not got much cipal attractions in a field play good performance by Garding ting on a shirt. He Rocca in the Volvo PGA to do with golf," he said, "It's ing for a first prize of £120,830.

David Henderson in North Carolina on the Ferrari owner gunning for US Open success

AURA DAVIES is Brithain's answer to Greg Norman. She has not a major but she is a devotee of a major but she is a devotee of a major but she is a devotee of the parting and posting two great the still level with the other three girls."

AURA DAVIES is Brithain's belief that if the Erro,000 BMW 850 will have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; have to go. "I am at home only 12 weeks of the year; having a Ferrari is a waste of money, so baving two great cars is sheer studidity."

## Callard wooed by Welsh for us and it would give him

HE England and Bath full-back Jonathan Cal-lard is being courted by Callard impressed the realms of possibility that the South Wales RLFC coach 30-year-old Callard, brought Clive Griffiths when Bath played Wigan at league at Maine Road this month; he scored his side's try in the

Griffiths had helped Bath prepare for the match and he has spoken to Callard about playing for South Wales in rugby league's Second Div-ision on a match-to-match basis this summer.
"Jonathan is having a chat

and half the magazine.
"We are not even close with Bath to see what they think," said South Wales's manager Mike Nicholas, "He when it comes to recognition. But maybe my career is going along as nicely as his. I could win the next 10 majors and he would be a good acquisition | move home to Wales.

could win one more, but he would still be more impor-tant. But it's not a problem." That sums up Davies: she knows she is the world's No. 1 Wales get off to a flying start

woman player but does not expect accolades. They will surely come, however, if she completes the 44th victory of

> The new-look team produced a polished performance, albeit against one of the continent's weaker sides. Thomas, a 21-year-old who signed for Ponty-pridd from Bridgend before the tour, scored two of his tries from the centre and

> > Thomas moving wide. troduction produced more creative and varied play and the one to profit most was Thomas, who collected three of his tries in an 11minute spell. "It was a very

Thomas proves his versatility as

WALES ran in 10 tries in yesterday's 62-20 win over Western Australia, Gareth Thomas accounting The scrum-half Andy for five as the eight-match tour opened at the WACA in Perth.

> with six conversions. Emyr Lewis suffered a neck injury, however, and like Hill is unlikely to face

Australian Capital Territory on Sunday.

• Australia's centre Jason Little will miss both Tests against Wales, in Brisbane on June 8 and Sydney on June 22, after breaking his collar-bone in a freak accident while put-

twice scored in the corner.
Dafydd James, an uncapped
wing, scored just before the
interval and Thomas got four tries in the second half. The flanker Kingsley Jones also scored a try, and Neil Jenkins weighed in

ting on a shirt. He will be

Moore went over in the fourth minute, Thomas then got his first and Hill

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## THE FRENCH OPEN WARMS UP: A SHOCK FOR AGASSI, A SCARE FOR SAMPRAS



Report by **Stephen Bierley** Photographs by Tom Jenkins



# Early exit for rusty Agassi

best fell. Andre genius as the curent game has, fumbled his way to a banal defeat at Roland Garros yesterday, and to a banal defeat at narrowly survived in the fifth set after a fluctuating perfor-mance against Spain's Sergi Bruguera, the champion in 1993 and 1994. Agassi had arrived here

with virtually no preparation on clay, but his talent is such that he frequently manages to that was pretty classy."

MERICA's best tee- | pull the fat out of the fire with tered, America's | an ungloved hand.

He played poorly in the first round on Monday, and yester-day Chris Woodruff, a littleknown 23-year-old from Knoxville, Tennessee, had the result of his life, winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. He was handed it on a cracked plate.

Not only had Woodruff not played Agassi before, he had not met him. "He came up to me before the match and said. How do you do, my name's

for the greater body of Agassi's performance, and Agassi's body, no matter the looseness of his clothing, is far greater than it was. Too much money, not enough tennis.

His shots were frequently all over the place, notably the forehand. He served almost a dozen double-faults and his footwork was often non-existent. Yet as long as his timing remained he had a chance; once that deserted him defeat Andre.' Afterwards be said, became inevitable. He never 'Congratulations.' I thought stopped going for winners;

Woodruff greeted victory with a look of total disbelief. He dropped his racket to the red clay and clutched his white cap. Then, after shak-ing hands with Agessi, he slumped down on his chair

and the tears spilled. Woodruff is the antithesis Agassi. "My values are small-town values. The way he lives is not my style. I like to play golf, go to the movies and hang about with my friends at the golf shop."

Nine months ago, after a successful junior and college career, he almost turned his

crewed on right.

His previous Grand Slam experience was in the US Open, losing first-round es in 1993, the year he turned professional, and 1985. Even now he has no great love for the pro circuit. "It was a real shock to get out on the tour. Everyone is so cut-throat. I was not brought up in such a salfish manner. I really don't like the tour but it's something I feel fortunate

The world of fast cars and multi-million-dollar Nike ads suddenly seemed a universe away. When the clean-shav unright Woodruff entered the post-match conference, a meeting Agassi ducked, he whispered wide-eyed to an

official: "Lots of people."
It was always likely that
Sampras would have a tough
fight, for Bruguera had eaten him on the way to the title in 1993. Injury has seen the Spaniard slip back in the world rankings, and he arrived dangerously unseeded.
Sampras's coach Tim Gul-

likson, who died recently, be-lieved the US, Australian and three-times Wimbledon champlon could win in Paris. So far he has not gone beyond the quarter-finals. Sampras

still finds it difficult to talk about Gullikson but there is little doubt that trying to win here means more to him now

than ever. He took the first two sets playing wonderful attacking tennis behind his blistering serves, but the self-belief sud-denly drained away and Bruguera levelled. Sweat ran in rivers down Sampras's face but he dug deep and survived. 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3.

This was by far the best win I have had at Roland Gar-ros. It was very emotional and I was very tired after the first two sets," said Sampras. "My back is fine, but the rest of my body will be sore." Thomas Muster, who con-tinues the defence of his title

today, will have been pleased to see the defeat by Francisco Clavet of Spain's Alberto Costa, who almost did for the Austrian in last year's quar-ter-finals; and those nervous of big serves will have been delighted with the departure of Australia's Mark Philippoussis.

There were no problems for Uncle Sam's adopted daughter Monica Seles, although she had to work hard before beating Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu 7-5, 6-2. All is obviously still not quite right with her shoulder.

# High-spirits that lead to high dudgeon



Frank Keating

MPECCABLE timing is crucial in sport, so the mo-ment you heard the first vague rumblings of the ory there could be no doubt that the best player, you know who, had been in the thick of Pacific flight CX251 from Hong Kong. After all, Monday had been his 29th birthday and the Marco Polo business class was dishing out unlim-

ited champagne.
As the grey dawn fingered the eastern skies beyond Heathrow, the England team's jumbo jet feathered down from the same direction and at once two vast armies formed to face each other in quarrelsome dis putation. There were those of the "youthful exuberance" compassion and those of the "yobbish lout" conviction, the nation again split down the middle to contest the verbal brawl from sawdust taproom

to candelabra-lit dinner party When you heard, first up for the defence yesterday, the ole-aginous and ubiquitous foot-ballers' agent Eric Hall — "a monster, monster over-reac-tion" — the immediate thought was that the Tower wasn't good mough for Paul Gascoigne. And that conviction was not in the least diluted when the PA's first fremulous reaction was to prod out over the top, to be shot down as cannon fodder on the steps of Lancaster Gate, a young jet-lagged squirt in a suit to say: "Nothing untoward happened; at the end of any 13-hour long-haul

flight newspapers are scat-tered everywhere." Then up pops the Newcastle policeman David Mellish. looking smug. It so happens he had yesterday issued — Geordie Gazza's impeccable timing again — mug-shots of suspected hooligans to the local paper. What did he think of his home town's prodigal to say that all professional sportsmen have a heavy responsibility to behave

properly."

Hang on a minute, consta-bule, who says they do? Is it in their contract or something? Why is it only professional sportsmen who are burdened with this "heavy responsi-bility" in our dotty society? Do other professional enter-tainers have to behave res-

What other famous British flag-fliers — celebrated actors, film stars, musicians, singers — could be in danger of losing their jobs at a stroke because of mild off-stage misbehaviour? Take it from me that you could stagger from a rowdily roistering sports talk-ing flight with any three of Richard Burton, Trevor How-ard and Ian Botham, and only the latter's performance would inspire obscure provincial policemen to sound off on national television.

If it's a question of being a 'responsible" example to children, well why does sport al-ways exclusively carry that an and not actors or musicians? It is that old feudal, working-class thing again. Sport is still steeped in that Victorian boy-scoutery ethos sionals" must keep their noses clean whereas anything goes for decent public-school

mateur "japers". Witness what rugby union get away with down the century. Players and camp-follow-ers still grade Lions tours whole corridors of hotel doors exed or taken off hinges, unknown women guests hosed out of their beds, dozens of wardrobes or beds dangerously hurled down 10 floors into swimming-pools below as "a brilliant wreckers' tour (South Africa, 1968) or "so dull, even the wrecking was not up to much" (New Zealand, 1977).

HERE have been no end of stories, fact or hearsay, about British footballers "over-relax-ing" on aircraft. But because the great Gascoigne is, alas, also Gazza, he may well have blown his last chance of displaying his breathtaking talents downstage to an audience of the world.

Offhand, the previous England player to need to be helped off an aeroplane and into the tabloids' embrace on the eve of a major champion-ship was Jeff Astle at Mexico City before the 1970 World Cup. Luckily they were only Mexican tabloids — and the truth was that Astle, a notoriously scared flier, had knocked back just two medicinal whiskies to try to stifle both air-sickness and food

poisoning. He was ill, not drunk, and he recovered — in time horrendously to miss a palpable sitter against Brazil. But the combination of such infamy made him the star butt of a late-night football programme a quarter of a century later. Which is probably where the once genius Gascoigne will be in 2021.

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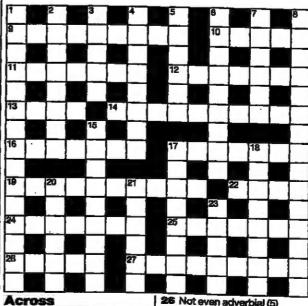
A lot of these cases from

Gazza's antics to supporters' chants to Cabinet silliness are not much to do with men behaving badly but with keeping up appearances. Pop stars and footballers must always be rowdy, Politicians must never back down. Acting hard is the name of the game. Suzanne Moore

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- 11 Looking pale coming out of a cinema (7) 12 Throw out a proposed 13 Settled one in a small
- apartment (4) 14 Just sufficient reason for a place of diversion (10)
- 16 Choose one mother the best! (7) 17 No simple obsession (7)
- 19 Simple, or merely next perhaps (10) 22 Some pictorial photographs of Xanadu's sacred river (4)
- 24 Profligate poet? (7) 25 Antoine may be from a public school (7)
- 26 Not even adverbial (5) 27 He stows away on board (9)

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- 5 He aims not to be seen by the enamy (6) 6 Mother takes in older variety entertainment (9)
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